

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 182

2 INTRODUCED BY ROBERTS

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING PROFESSIONAL  
6 AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING LAWS; DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OR  
7 PROGRAM DUTIES REGARDING LICENSURE, EXAMINATION, AND FEES; CLARIFYING THE  
8 DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEES FOR LICENSURE, EXAMINATION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
9 COSTS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO HANDLE CERTAIN TASKS  
10 RELATED TO BOARDS, INCLUDING MONITORING OF LICENSING BOARDS' CASH BALANCES AND  
11 HIRING SERVICES FOR BOARDS; ALLOWING FOR FEE ADJUSTMENTS; REQUIRING STANDARDIZATION  
12 OF FORMS; INCLUDING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO  
13 BOARDS; SETTING UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR LICENSE RENEWALS, INCLUDING RENEWAL PERIODS;  
14 REVISING CERTAIN NOTIFICATION PERIODS; REMOVING SPECIFIC BOARD OR PROGRAM  
15 REFERENCES IF DUTIES ARE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR PROVIDED GENERALLY TO ALL  
16 BOARDS; ~~REQUIRING BOARD OF HORSERACING REVIEW OF IMPACTS~~; REMOVING THE  
17 REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH AN ANNUAL LIST OF SOCIAL WORKERS AND PROFESSIONAL  
18 COUNSELORS; REMOVING CERTAIN SPECIFIED LICENSING PERIODS; REMOVING THE PUBLICATION  
19 REQUIREMENT FOR OUTFITTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES; REPEALING CERTAIN BOARD-SPECIFIC  
20 OR PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO LICENSURE, EXAMINATIONS, AND FEES; AMENDING  
21 SECTIONS 23-3-501, 23-4-105, 23-4-201, 27-12-206, 33-30-1013, 37-1-101, 37-1-104, 37-1-105, 37-1-121,  
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1 37-42-308, 37-47-101, 37-47-201, 37-47-304, 37-50-304, 37-51-204, 37-51-303, 37-51-305, 37-51-603,  
 2 37-53-104, 37-60-304, 37-66-304, 37-67-303, 37-67-321, 37-68-201, 37-68-304, 37-68-305, 37-68-307,  
 3 37-68-310, 37-68-312, 37-69-304, 37-69-305, 37-69-306, 37-69-401, 37-72-102, 37-72-202, 37-72-305,  
 4 37-76-109, 50-16-201, 50-74-312, AND 80-8-207, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 37-3-346, 37-4-203, 37-4-303,  
 5 37-4-403, 37-6-303, 37-7-303, 37-8-431, 37-10-307, 37-11-305, 37-11-308, 37-11-309, 37-12-307, 37-13-306,  
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 8 37-18-307, 37-19-306, 37-22-303, 37-22-304, 37-23-103, 37-23-205, 37-24-304, 37-24-308, 37-25-307,  
 9 37-28-203, 37-29-304, 37-29-305, 37-31-321, 37-31-322, 37-35-203, 37-40-304, 37-40-305, 37-47-312,  
 10 37-50-308, 37-50-317, 37-51-310, 37-53-103, 37-54-210, 37-54-211, 37-54-311, 37-60-312, 37-65-304,  
 11 37-65-306, 37-66-307, 37-67-315, 37-67-316, 37-67-318, ~~37-68-307, 37-68-310~~, 37-69-307, 37-72-303,  
 12 37-72-306, 50-39-105, 50-39-106, 50-74-309, 50-74-313, AND 50-76-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN  
 13 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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17 **Section 1.** Section 23-3-501, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"23-3-501. Licenses -- fees.** (1) The board may issue a license to a professional or semiprofessional  
 19 boxing or wrestling promoter, whether an individual or organization, for the sole purpose of conducting  
 20 professional or semiprofessional matches or exhibitions.

21 (2) The board may issue licenses to qualified referees, managers, boxers, wrestlers, seconds, trainers,  
 22 and judges.

23 (3) A license issued in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) expires on the date set by department  
 24 rule.

25 (4) Each application for a license under this section must be accompanied by a fee, ~~commensurate with~~  
 26 ~~costs for that license~~, as provided in 37-1-134, as set by the board."

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28 **Section 2.** Section 23-4-105, MCA, is amended to read:

29 **"23-4-105. Authority of board.** The board shall, ~~subject to 37-1-101 and 37-1-121~~, license and regulate  
 30 racing and review race meets held in this state under this chapter. All percentages withheld from amounts

1 wagered must be deposited in the board's agency fund account. The board shall then distribute all funds  
 2 collected under 23-4-202(4)(d), 23-4-204(3), and 23-4-302(3) to live race purses or for other purposes for the  
 3 good of the existing horseracing industry. If the board decides to authorize new forms of racing, including new  
 4 forms of simulcast racing, not currently engaged in Montana, ~~it the board~~ shall do so after holding public hearings  
 5 to determine the effects of these forms of racing on the existing saddle racing program in Montana. The board  
 6 ~~should~~ shall consider both the economic and safety impacts on the existing racing and breeding industry."

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8 **Section 3.** Section 23-4-201, MCA, is amended to read:

9 **"23-4-201. Licenses.** (1) ~~It is unlawful for a~~ A person to ~~may not~~ hold a race meet, including simulcast  
 10 race meets under the parimutuel system, in this state without a valid license issued by the department under this  
 11 chapter. A person applying for a license to hold a race meet under this chapter shall with the department an  
 12 application ~~with the department which shall~~ that must set forth the time, place, and number of days the license  
 13 will continue and other information the board requires.

14 (2) A person who participates in a race meet ~~shall~~ must be licensed and charged an annual fee set by  
 15 the board, ~~which shall~~ . The annual fee must be paid to the department and used for expenses of administering  
 16 this chapter, ~~subject to 37-1-101(6)~~. Each person holding a license under this chapter shall comply with this  
 17 chapter and with the rules adopted and orders issued by the board.

18 (3) A license may not be issued to a person who has failed to pay the fees, taxes, or money required  
 19 under this chapter.

20 (4) ~~Applications~~ An application to hold a race ~~meets shall~~ meet must be submitted to the department,  
 21 and the board shall act on the ~~applications~~ application within 30 days. The board is the sole judge of whether  
 22 the race meet may be licensed and the number of days the meet may continue.

23 (5) The board shall require that a fair board and an independent racing association conducting a race  
 24 ~~meets~~ meet comply with the requirements of the rules adopted by the board before granting a license.

25 (6) A racing association consisting of a local fair board or an association approved by a local fair board  
 26 may apply for a license to hold a simulcast race meet in a simulcast facility.

27 (7) An unexpired license held by a person who violates this chapter or who fails to pay to the department  
 28 the sums required under this chapter is subject to cancellation and revocation by the board."

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30 **Section 4.** Section 27-12-206, MCA, is amended to read:

1           **"27-12-206. Funding.** (1) There is a pretrial review fund to be administered by the director for the  
 2 purposes stated in this chapter. The fund and any income from it must be held in trust, deposited in an account,  
 3 and invested and reinvested by the director. The fund may not become part of or revert to the general fund of  
 4 this state but is subject to auditing by the legislative auditor. Money from the assessments levied under this  
 5 section must be deposited in the fund.

6           (2) For each fiscal year, beginning July 1, an annual assessment is levied on all chiropractic physicians.  
 7 The amount of the assessment must be annually set by the director and equally assessed against all chiropractic  
 8 physicians. A fund surplus at the end of a fiscal year that is not required for the administration of this chapter  
 9 must be retained by the director and used to finance the administration of this chapter during the next fiscal year,  
 10 in which event the director shall reduce the next annual assessment to an amount estimated to be necessary  
 11 for the proper administration of this chapter during that fiscal year.

12           (3) The annual assessment must be paid on or before the date that the chiropractic physician's annual  
 13 renewal fee under ~~37-12-307~~ 37-1-134 is due. An unpaid assessment bears a late charge fee of \$25. The late  
 14 charge fee is part of the annual assessment. The director has the same powers and duties in connection with  
 15 the collection of and failure to pay the annual assessment as the department of labor and industry has under  
 16 ~~37-12-307~~ 37-1-134 with regard to a chiropractic physician's annual license fee. However, nothing in this section  
 17 may be interpreted to conflict with 37-1-138."

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 19           **Section 5.** Section 33-30-1013, MCA, is amended to read:

20           **"33-30-1013. Coverage required for services provided by nurse specialists.** A health service  
 21 corporation shall provide, in group and individual insurance contracts, coverage for health services provided by  
 22 a nurse specialist, as specifically listed in 37-8-202(5), if health care services that nurse specialists are licensed  
 23 to perform are covered by the contract."

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 25           **Section 6.** Section 37-1-101, MCA, is amended to read:

26           **"37-1-101. Duties of department.** In addition to the provisions of 2-15-121, the department of labor  
 27 and industry ~~may~~ shall:

28           (1) establish and provide all the administrative, legal, and clerical services needed by the boards within  
 29 the department, including corresponding, ~~taking~~ receiving and processing ROUTINE applications for licenses AS  
 30 DEFINED BY A BOARD, issuing and ~~denying licenses granted by the boards,~~ renewing routine licenses as defined

1 by a board, disciplining licensees, registering, setting administrative fees, preparing agendas and meeting  
 2 notices, conducting mailings, taking minutes of board meetings and hearings, and filing;

3 (2) standardize policies and procedures and keep in Helena all official records of the boards;

4 (3) make arrangements and provide facilities in Helena for ~~the~~ all meetings, hearings, and examinations  
 5 of each board or elsewhere in the state if requested by the board;

6 (4) contract for or administer and grade examinations required by each board ~~or by law for licensing,~~  
 7 ~~unless the board determines that experts or professionals are necessary to administer or grade a particular~~  
 8 ~~examination;~~

9 (5) investigate complaints received by the department of illegal or unethical conduct of a member of the  
 10 profession or occupation under the jurisdiction of a board within the department;

11 (6) assess the costs of the department to the boards and programs on an equitable basis as determined  
 12 by the department;

13 (7) adopt rules setting administrative fees and expiration, renewal, and termination dates for licenses;

14 (8) issue a notice to and pursue an action against a licensed individual, as a party, before the licensed  
 15 individual's ~~licensing~~ board after a finding of reasonable cause by a screening panel of the board pursuant to  
 16 37-1-307(1)(e);

17 (9) provide notice to the appropriate legislative interim committee when a board cannot operate in a  
 18 cost-effective manner;

19 (10) monitor a board's cash balances to ensure that the balances do not exceed two times the board's  
 20 annual appropriation level and adjust fees through administrative rules when necessary; and

21 (11) establish policies and procedures to set fees for administrative services, as provided in 37-1-134,  
 22 commensurate with the cost of the services provided. Late penalty fees may be set without being commensurate  
 23 with the cost of services provided."

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25 **Section 7.** Section 37-1-104, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"37-1-104. Standardized forms.** ~~It is the responsibility of the~~ The department ~~whenever possible to~~  
 27 shall adopt standardized application, license, and other forms and processes to be used by the boards and  
 28 department programs ~~within the department~~. The standardization is to streamline processes, expedite services,  
 29 reduce costs; and waste, ~~and the use of out-of-date forms and facilitate automated printing and computerization."~~

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1           **Section 8.** Section 37-1-105, MCA, is amended to read:

2           **"37-1-105. Reporting disciplinary actions against licensees.** The department has the authority and  
3 shall require that all ~~licensing boards and department programs within the department~~ require ~~all applicants~~ each  
4 applicant for licensure or renewal to report any legal or disciplinary ~~actions~~ action against ~~them~~ the applicant that  
5 ~~relate~~ relates to the propriety of the ~~applicants'~~ applicant's practice of or ~~their~~ fitness to practice the profession  
6 or occupation for which ~~they seek~~ the applicant seeks licensure. Failure to furnish the required information,  
7 except pursuant to 37-1-138, or the filing of false information is grounds for denial or revocation of a license."  
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9           **Section 9.** Section 37-1-121, MCA, is amended to read:

10           **"37-1-121. Duties of commissioner.** In addition to the powers and duties under 2-15-112 and  
11 2-15-121, the commissioner of labor and industry shall:

12           (1) at the request of a party, appoint an impartial hearings examiner to conduct hearings ~~before each~~  
13 ~~board within the department~~ whenever any board or department program holds a contested case hearing. The  
14 hearings examiner shall conduct hearings in a proper and legal manner.

15           (2) establish the qualifications of and hire all personnel to perform the administrative, legal, and clerical  
16 functions of the department for the boards. Boards within the department do not have authority to establish the  
17 qualifications of, hire, or terminate personnel. The department may ~~SHALL~~ consult with the boards regarding  
18 recommendations for qualifications for personnel EXECUTIVE OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITIONS.

19           (3) approve all contracts and expenditures by boards within the department. A board within the  
20 department may not enter into a contract or expend funds without the approval of the commissioner."  
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22           **Section 10.** Section 37-1-130, MCA, is amended to read:

23           **"37-1-130. Definition.** As used in this part, ~~"board" means each board in this title~~ the following  
24 definitions apply:

25           (1) "Administrative fee" means a fee established by the department to cover the cost of administrative  
26 services as provided for in 37-1-134.

27           (2) "Board" means a licensing board created under Title 2, chapter 15, that regulates a profession or  
28 occupation and that is ~~allocated~~ administratively attached to the department of labor and industry as provided  
29 in 2-15-121.

30           (3) "Board fee" means:

- 1           (a) a fee established by the board to cover program area costs as provided in 37-1-134; and  
2           (b) any other legislatively prescribed fees specific to boards and department programs.  
3           (4) "Department" means the department of labor and industry established in 2-15-1701.  
4           (5) "Department program" means a program administered by the department pursuant to this title and  
5 not affiliated with a board.  
6           (6) "Expired license" means a license that is not reactivated within the period of 45 days to 2 years after  
7 the renewal date for the license.  
8           (7) "Lapsed license" means a license that is not renewed by the renewal date and that may be  
9 reactivated within the first 45-day period after the renewal date for the license.  
10           (8) "License" means permission granted under a chapter of this title to engage in or practice at a specific  
11 level in a profession or occupation.  
12           (9) "Terminated license" means a license that is not renewed or reactivated within 2 years of the license  
13 lapsing."

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15           **Section 11.** Section 37-1-131, MCA, is amended to read:

16           **"37-1-131. Duties of boards -- quorum required.** ~~Each~~ A quorum of each board within the department  
17 shall:

- 18           (1) set and enforce standards and rules governing the licensing, certification, registration, and conduct  
19 of the members of the particular profession or occupation within ~~its~~ the board's jurisdiction;  
20           (2) sit in judgment in hearings for the suspension, revocation, or denial of a license of an actual or  
21 potential member of the particular profession or occupation within ~~its~~ the board's jurisdiction. The hearings must  
22 be conducted by a ~~hearing~~ hearings examiner when required under 37-1-121~~(4)~~.  
23           (3) suspend, revoke, or deny a license of a person who the board determines, after a hearing as  
24 provided in subsection (2), is guilty of knowingly defrauding, abusing, or aiding in the defrauding or abusing of  
25 the workers' compensation system in violation of the provisions of Title 39, chapter 71 or 72;  
26           (4) pay to the department ~~its~~ the board's pro rata share of the assessed costs of the department under  
27 37-1-101(6);  
28           (5) consult with the department before the board initiates a program expansion, under existing  
29 legislation, to determine if the board has adequate money and appropriation authority to fully pay all costs  
30 associated with the proposed program expansion. The board may not expand a program if the board does not

1 have adequate money and appropriation authority available.

2 (6) A board, board panel, or subcommittee convened to conduct board business must have a majority  
3 of its members, which constitutes a quorum, present to conduct business.

4 (7) The board or the department program may:

5 (a) establish the qualifications of applicants to take the licensure examination;

6 (b) determine the standards, content, type, and method of examination required for licensure or  
7 reinstatement of a license, the acceptable level of performance for each examination, and the standards and  
8 limitations for reexamination if an applicant fails an examination;

9 (c) examine applicants for licensure at reasonable places and times as determined by the board or enter  
10 into contracts with third-party testing agencies to administer examinations; and

11 (d) require continuing education for licensure as provided in 37-1-306. If the board or department  
12 requires continuing education for continued licensure, the board or department may not audit or verify continuing  
13 education requirements as a precondition for renewing the license, certification, or registration. The board or  
14 department may conduct random audits of up to 20% 50% of all licensees with renewed licenses for  
15 documentary verification of the continuing education requirement after the renewal period closes.

16 (8) A board may, at the board's discretion, request the applicant to make a personal appearance before  
17 the board for nonroutine license applications as defined by the board."

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19 **Section 12.** Section 37-1-134, MCA, is amended to read:

20 **"37-1-134. Licensing boards to establish fees Fees commensurate with costs.** ~~All~~ Each licensing  
21 ~~boards~~ board allocated to the department shall set board fees ~~reasonably~~ related to the respective program area  
22 that are commensurate with costs for licensing, including fees for initial licensing, reciprocity, renewals,  
23 applications, inspections, and audits. A board may set an examination fee that must be commensurate with  
24 costs. A board that issues endorsements and licenses specialties shall set respective fees commensurate with  
25 costs. Unless otherwise provided by law, each board within the department may establish standardized fees,  
26 including but not limited to fees for program areas such as application, examination, renewal, reciprocity, late  
27 renewal, and continuing education administrative services such as license verification, duplicate licenses, late  
28 penalty renewals, licensee lists, and other administrative service fees determined by the department as  
29 applicable to all boards and department programs. The department shall collect administrative fees on behalf  
30 of each board or department program and deposit the fees in the state special revenue fund in the appropriate

1 account for each board or department program. Board Administrative service costs not related to a specific  
 2 board or program area may be equitably distributed to board or program areas as determined by the board  
 3 department. Each board and department program shall maintain records sufficient to support the fees charged  
 4 for each program area."

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6 **Section 13.** Section 37-1-141, MCA, is amended to read:

7 **"37-1-141. ~~Nonrenewal of license for three years~~ License renewal -- lapse -- expiration --**  
 8 **termination.** (1) The renewal date for a license must be set by department rule. The department shall provide  
 9 notice prior to the renewal date.

10 (2) To renew a license, a licensee shall submit a completed renewal form, comply with all certification  
 11 and continuing education requirements, and remit renewal fees before the end of the renewal period.

12 (3) A licensee may reactivate a lapsed license within 45 days after the renewal date by following the  
 13 process in subsection (5) and complying with all certification and educational requirements.

14 (4) A licensee may reactivate an expired license within 2 years after the renewal date by following the  
 15 process in subsection (5) and complying with all certification and education requirements that have accrued  
 16 since the license was last granted or renewed as prescribed by board or department rule.

17 (5) To reactivate a lapsed license or an expired license, in addition to the respective requirements in  
 18 subsections (3) and (4), a licensee shall:

19 (a) submit the completed renewal form;

20 (b) pay the late penalty fee provided for in subsection (7); and

21 (c) pay the current renewal fee as prescribed by the department or the board.

22 (6) (a) A licensee who practices with a lapsed license is not considered to be practicing without a  
 23 license.

24 (b) A licensee who practices after a license has expired is considered to be practicing without a license.

25 (7) The department may assess a late penalty fee for each renewal period in which a license is not  
 26 renewed. The late penalty fee need not be commensurate with the costs of assessing the fee.

27 (8) Unless otherwise provided by statute or rule, a lapsed an occupational or professional license that  
 28 is not renewed within 3 2 years of the most recent renewal date automatically terminates. The terminated license  
 29 may not be reinstated reactivated, and a new original license must be obtained by passing a qualifying  
 30 examination and paying the appropriate fee.

1           (9) The department or board responsible for licensing a licensee retains jurisdiction for disciplinary  
2 purposes over the licensee for a period of 2 years after the date on which the license lapsed.

3           (10) This section may not be interpreted to conflict with 37-1-138."  
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5           **Section 14.** Section 37-1-302, MCA, is amended to read:

6           **"37-1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

7           (1) "Board" means a licensing board created under Title 2, chapter 15, that regulates a profession or  
8 occupation and that is administratively attached to the department as provided in 2-15-121.

9           (2) "Complaint" means a written allegation filed with a board that, if true, warrants an injunction,  
10 disciplinary action against a licensee, or denial of an application submitted by a license applicant.

11           (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industry.

12           (4) "Inspection" means the periodic examination of premises, equipment, or procedures or of a  
13 practitioner by the department to determine whether the practitioner's profession or occupation is being  
14 conducted in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare.

15           (5) "Investigation" means the inquiry, analysis, audit, or other pursuit of information by the department,  
16 with respect to a written complaint or other information before a board, that is carried out for the purpose of  
17 determining:

18           (a) whether a person has violated a provision of law justifying discipline against the person;

19           (b) the status of compliance with a stipulation or order of the board;

20           (c) whether a license should be granted, denied, or conditionally issued; or

21           (d) whether a board should seek an injunction.

22           (6) "License" means permission granted under a chapter of this title to engage in or practice at a specific  
23 level in a profession or occupation, ~~regardless of the specific term, such as permit, certificate, recognition, or~~  
24 ~~registration, used for the permission.~~

25           (7) "Profession" or "occupation" means a profession or occupation regulated by a board."  
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27           **Section 15.** Section 37-1-306, MCA, is amended to read:

28           **"37-1-306. Continuing education.** A board or, for programs without a board, the department may  
29 require licensees to participate in flexible, cost-efficient, effective, and geographically accessible continuing  
30 education."

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**Section 16.** Section 37-1-307, MCA, is amended to read:

**"37-1-307. Board authority.** (1) A board may:

(a) hold hearings as provided in this part;

(b) issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents and administer oaths in connection with investigations and disciplinary proceedings under this part. Subpoenas must be relevant to the complaint, ~~issued by a majority vote of board members not serving on the screening panel described in subsection (1)(e);~~ and must be signed by the presiding officer a member of the board. Subpoenas may be enforced as provided in 2-4-104.

(c) authorize depositions and other discovery procedures under the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with an investigation, hearing, or proceeding held under this part;

~~(d) compel attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. Subpoenas may be enforced as provided in 2-4-104.~~

~~(e)~~(d) establish a screening panel ~~that determines~~ to determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that a licensee has violated a particular statute, rule, or standard justifying disciplinary proceedings. A screening panel shall specify in writing the particular statute, rule, or standard that the panel believes may have been violated. The screening panel shall also state in writing the reasonable grounds that support the panel's finding that a violation may have occurred. The assigned board members may not subsequently participate in a hearing of the case. The final decision on the case must be made by a majority of the board members who did not serve on the screening panel for the case.

~~(f)~~(e) grant or deny a license and, upon a finding of unprofessional conduct by an applicant or license holder, impose a sanction provided by this chapter.

(2) Each board is designated as a criminal justice agency within the meaning of 44-5-103 for the purpose of obtaining confidential criminal justice information regarding ~~its~~ the board's licensees and license applicants and regarding possible unlicensed practice.

[(3) Each board shall require a license applicant to provide the applicant's social security number as a part of the application. Each board shall keep the social security number from this source confidential, except that a board may provide the number to the department of public health and human services for use in administering Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.] (Bracketed language terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 1, Ch. 27, L. 1999.)"

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**Section 17.** Section 37-2-101, MCA, is amended to read:

**"37-2-101. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Community pharmacy", when used in relation to a medical practitioner, means a pharmacy situated within 10 miles of any place at which the medical practitioner maintains an office for professional practice.

(2) "Device" means any instrument, apparatus, or contrivance intended:

(a) for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans;

(b) to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans.

(3) "Drug" has the same meaning as provided in 37-7-101.

(4) "Drug company" means any person engaged in the manufacturing, processing, packaging, or distribution of drugs; ~~but the~~ The term does not include a pharmacy.

(5) "Medical practitioner" means any person licensed by the state of Montana to engage in the practice of medicine, dentistry, osteopathy, podiatry, optometry, or a nursing specialty as described in 37-8-202(5) and in the licensed practice to administer or prescribe drugs.

(6) "Person" means any individual and any partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other business entity.

(7) "Pharmacy" has the same meaning as provided in 37-7-101.

(8) "State" means the state of Montana or any political subdivision of the state."

**Section 18.** Section 37-3-203, MCA, is amended to read:

**"37-3-203. Powers and duties.** The board may:

(1) adopt rules necessary or proper to carry out parts 1 through 3 of this chapter. The rules must be fair, impartial, and nondiscriminatory.

(2) hold hearings and take evidence in matters relating to the exercise and performance of the powers and duties vested in the board;

(3) aid the county attorneys of this state in the enforcement of parts 1 through 3 of this chapter and the prosecution of persons, firms, associations, or corporations charged with violations of parts 1 through 3 of this chapter;

(4) establish a program to assist and rehabilitate licensees who are subject to the jurisdiction of the board and who are found to be physically or mentally impaired by habitual intemperance or the excessive use

1 of addictive drugs, alcohol, or any other drug or substance or by mental or chronic physical illness;  
 2 ~~(5) select an executive secretary to be hired by the department to:~~  
 3 ~~—— (a) provide services to the board in connection with the board's duties under this chapter;~~  
 4 ~~—— (b) assist in prosecution and matters of license discipline under this chapter; and~~  
 5 ~~—— (c) administer the board's affairs; and~~  
 6 ~~(6)(5)~~ fund additional staff, hired by the department, to administer the provisions of this chapter, by  
 7 increasing license fees as necessary."  
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9 **Section 19.** Section 37-3-211, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "**37-3-211. Executive secretary.** To perform ~~the services provided for in 37-3-203(5)~~ to the board in  
 11 connection with the board's duties under this chapter, assist in prosecution and matters of license discipline, and  
 12 administer the board's affairs, the department shall hire an executive secretary ~~selected by the board.~~"  
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14 **Section 20.** Section 37-3-301, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "**37-3-301. License required -- kinds of certificates.** (1) Before being issued a license, an applicant  
 16 may not engage in the practice of medicine in this state.

17 (2) The department may issue four forms of certificates of licensure under the board's seal; which  
 18 include the physician's certificate, the restricted certificate, the temporary certificate, and the telemedicine  
 19 certificate issued in accordance with 37-3-341 through 37-3-345 and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349. The physician's  
 20 certificate and the restricted certificate must be signed by the president, but the temporary certificate may be  
 21 signed by any board member. The board shall decide which certificate to issue. These certificates must be  
 22 designated as:

- 23 (a) a physician's certificate, which is subject to renewable registration in accordance with department  
 24 rules;  
 25 (b) a restricted certificate;  
 26 (c) a temporary certificate, which is subject to specifications and limitations imposed by the board; and  
 27 (d) a telemedicine certificate."  
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29 **Section 21.** Section 37-3-305, MCA, is amended to read:

30 "**37-3-305. Qualifications for licensure.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5), a person

1 may not be granted a physician's license to practice medicine in this state unless the person:

2 (a) is of good moral character; as determined by the board;

3 (b) is a graduate of an approved medical school as defined in 37-3-102;

4 (c) has completed an approved postgraduate program of at least 2 years or, in the opinion of the board,  
5 has had experience or training that is at least the equivalent of a 2-year postgraduate program;

6 (d) has ~~had submitted~~ a completed application file ~~reviewed by a board member and, at the discretion~~  
7 ~~of the board member, has made a personal appearance before the board;~~ and

8 (e) is able to communicate, in the opinion of the board, in the English language.

9 (2) The board may authorize the department to issue the license subject to terms of probation or other  
10 conditions or limitations set by the board or may refuse a license if the applicant has committed unprofessional  
11 conduct or is otherwise unqualified.

12 (3) A person may not be granted a temporary license to practice medicine in this state unless the  
13 person:

14 (a) is of good moral character; as determined by the board;

15 (b) is a graduate of an approved medical school as defined in 37-3-102;

16 (c) has completed an approved postgraduate program of at least 2 years or, in the opinion of the board,  
17 has had experience or training that is at least the equivalent of a 2-year postgraduate program; and

18 (d) is able, in the opinion of the board, to communicate in the English language.

19 (4) The 2-year minimum requirements in subsections (1)(c) and (3)(c) do not apply to a person who:

20 (a) has completed an approved internship of at least 1 year or in the opinion of the board has had  
21 experience or training that is at least the equivalent of a 1-year internship;

22 (b) is a resident in good standing with the Montana family practice residency program; and

23 (c) is seeing patients under the supervision of a physician who possesses a current, unrestricted license  
24 to practice medicine in this state.

25 (5) The 2-year minimum requirements in subsections (1)(c) and (3)(c) do not apply to a person who:

26 (a) has completed an approved internship of at least 1 year or, in the opinion of the board, has had  
27 experience or training that is at least the equivalent of a 1-year internship;

28 (b) is a resident in good standing with a program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate  
29 medical education or the American osteopathic association;

30 (c) in the course of an approved rotation of the person's residency program, is seeing patients under

- 1 the supervision of a physician who possesses a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in this state;  
2 (d) makes application to the department on a an approved form ~~prescribed by the board~~; and  
3 (e) pays a fee set by the board, as provided in 37-3-308."  
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5 **Section 22.** Section 37-3-306, MCA, is amended to read:

6 **"37-3-306. Physician's certificate -- examination -- reciprocity and endorsement.** (1) The board  
7 may authorize the department to issue to an applicant a physician's certificate, certificate by reciprocity, or  
8 certificate by endorsement only on the basis of:

9 (a) passing an approved examination ~~given and graded by the department~~, subject to 37-1-101;

10 (b) certification of record or other certificate of examination issued to or for the applicant by the national  
11 board of medical examiners or successors, by the federation licensing examination committee or successors,  
12 by the national board of examiners for osteopathic physicians and surgeons, incorporated, or by the medical  
13 council of Canada or successors if the applicant is a graduate of a Canadian medical school ~~which~~ that has been  
14 approved by the medical council of Canada or successors, certifying that the applicant has passed an  
15 examination given by this board; or

16 (c) a valid, unsuspended, and unrevoked license or certificate issued to the applicant on the basis of  
17 an examination by an examining board under the laws of another state or territory of the United States or of the  
18 District of Columbia or of a foreign country whose licensing standards at the time the license or certificate was  
19 issued were, in the judgment of the board, essentially equivalent to those of this state for granting a license to  
20 practice medicine, if under the scope of the license or certificate the applicant was authorized to practice  
21 medicine in the other state, territory, or country.

22 (2) ~~No~~ An applicant who applies for a license on the basis of an examination and fails the examination  
23 may not be granted a license based on credentials from another state, territory, or foreign country or on a  
24 certificate issued by the national board of medical examiners or successors, by the federation licensing  
25 examination committee or successors, or by the medical council of Canada or successors.

26 (3) The board may adopt reciprocity or endorsement requirements current with changes in standards  
27 in the practice of medicine.

28 (4) The board may, in the case of an applicant for admission by reciprocity or endorsement, require a  
29 written or oral examination of the applicant.

30 (5) The board may require that graduates of foreign medical schools pass an examination given by the

1 education council for foreign medical graduates or successors.

2 (6) Holders of the degree of doctor of osteopathy granted in 1955 or before ~~will~~ may be certified only  
3 on the basis of taking and passing the examination given by the department, subject to 37-1-101. Holders of the  
4 degree of doctor of osteopathy granted after 1955 ~~will~~ must be certified in the same manner as provided ~~above~~  
5 in this section for physicians."

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7 **Section 23.** Section 37-3-307, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"37-3-307. Qualifications for licensure -- temporary certificate.** (1) The board may authorize the  
9 department to issue to an applicant a temporary certificate to practice medicine on the basis of:

10 (a) passing an examination ~~given and graded by the department, subject to 37-1-101~~ prescribed by the  
11 board;

12 (b) certification of record or other certificate of examination issued to or for the applicant by the national  
13 board of medical examiners or successors, by the federation licensing examination committee or successors,  
14 by the national board of osteopathic medical examiners or successors, or by the medical council of Canada or  
15 successors if the applicant is a graduate of a Canadian medical school ~~which~~ that has been approved by the  
16 medical council of Canada or successors, certifying that the applicant has passed an examination given by the  
17 board; or

18 (c) a valid, unsuspended, and unrevoked license or certificate issued to the applicant on the basis of  
19 an examination by an examining board under the laws of another state or territory of the United States or of the  
20 District of Columbia or of a foreign country whose licensing standards at the time the license or certificate was  
21 issued were essentially equivalent, in the judgment of the board, to those of this state at the time for granting  
22 a license to practice medicine; and

23 (d) being a graduate of an approved medical school who has completed 1 year of internship or ~~its~~ the  
24 equivalent and being of good moral character and good conduct.

25 (2) The board may require that graduates of foreign medical schools pass the examination given by the  
26 education council for foreign medical graduates or successors.

27 (3) A temporary certificate may be issued to a physician employed by a public institution who is  
28 practicing under the direction of a licensed physician. The board may authorize the department to issue a  
29 temporary certificate subject to terms of probation or other conditions or limitations set by the board or may  
30 refuse a temporary certificate to a person who has committed unprofessional conduct. The issuance of a

1 temporary certificate does not impose any future obligation or duty on the part of the board to grant full licensure  
2 or to renew or extend the temporary certificate. The board may, in the case of an applicant for a temporary  
3 certificate, require a written, oral, or practical examination of the applicant."  
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5 **Section 24.** Section 37-3-309, MCA, is amended to read:

6 **"37-3-309. Application for license.** ~~(4)~~ A person desiring a license to practice medicine shall ~~make~~  
7 ~~application apply~~ to the department, ~~verified by oath and in a form prescribed by the board on an approved form.~~  
8 The application must be accompanied by the license fee and documents, affidavits, and certificates necessary  
9 to establish that the applicant possesses the qualifications prescribed by this chapter apart from an examination  
10 required by the board. The burden of proof is on the applicant, but the department may make an independent  
11 investigation to determine whether the applicant possesses the qualifications and whether the applicant has  
12 committed unprofessional conduct. The applicant shall provide necessary authorizations for the release of  
13 records and information pertinent to the department's inquiry.

14 ~~(2) An applicant for a license on the basis of an examination shall file the application at least 60 days~~  
15 ~~prior to the announced date of the examination. If the applicant is not at the time of filing the application a~~  
16 ~~graduate of but is then in attendance at an approved medical school, the applicant shall submit to the~~  
17 ~~department, instead of a diploma or other required evidence of graduation, a written statement from the dean~~  
18 ~~or other authorized representative of the approved medical school that the applicant will receive a diploma at~~  
19 ~~the end of the then-current school term. The applicant may not be granted a certificate until the applicant has~~  
20 ~~filed with the department a diploma or other acceptable evidence of graduation from the approved medical~~  
21 ~~school and has complied with the requirements of subsection (1). A license may not be issued until the applicant~~  
22 ~~has satisfied the board that the applicant has completed at least 1 year of an approved internship or its~~  
23 ~~equivalent and has otherwise met the requirements for the issuance of a license under this chapter."~~  
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25 **Section 25.** Section 37-3-311, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"37-3-311. Examination.** ~~(1)~~ Examinations for a license to practice medicine shall be held not less than  
27 twice each year, at a time and place specified by the board. The examination shall be conducted in the English  
28 language and shall be sufficiently comprehensive in medicine to adequately test the applicant's professional  
29 competence and ability. The examination shall be fair and impartial. Examination papers shall be identified by  
30 both the name of the applicant and a number assigned by the department. The board may require the

1 department to use the examination prepared by the national board of medical examiners or the examination  
2 prepared by the federation licensing examination committee or successors.

3 ~~———(2) An applicant must meet the requirements of 37-3-305 prior to taking a scheduled examination.~~

4 ~~———(3)(1) An applicant who is a graduate of a foreign medical school shall~~ is required to have passed an  
5 examination given by the education council for foreign medical graduates or its successor.

6 ~~(4)(2) The board may in its discretion require the department to give, subject to 37-1-101, an oral or~~  
7 practical examination to test the applicant's qualifications for licensure and grant appropriate credit for ~~this~~ the  
8 examination.

9 ~~(5)(3) The board may use other Montana physicians to assist in preparing the examination.~~

10 ~~(6)(4) A person may not be granted a license to practice medicine if he~~ the person fails to attain a  
11 passing grade as set by the board. If an applicant fails to meet the minimum grade requirements ~~in his~~ on the  
12 first examination, ~~he~~ the applicant may be reexamined not more than two additional times on each of the  
13 component parts of the examination. ~~An examination fee shall be charged for each additional examination. If~~  
14 an applicant is prevented through no fault of ~~his own~~ the applicant's from taking a scheduled examination, ~~he~~  
15 the applicant may, within 2 years, be examined without submitting a new application."  
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17 **Section 26.** Section 37-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"37-3-313. ~~Renewal fees -- failure to pay -- limiting~~ Limiting authority to impose renewal fees. ~~(4)~~**  
19 ~~In addition to the license fees required of applicants, a licensed physician actively practicing medicine in this~~  
20 ~~state shall pay to the department a renewal fee as prescribed by the board.~~

21 ~~———(2) The payments for renewal must be made prior to the expiration date of the license, as set forth in~~  
22 ~~a department rule. The department shall mail renewal notices before the renewal is due.~~

23 ~~———(3) Except as provided in 37-1-138, in case of default in the payment of the renewal fee by a person~~  
24 ~~licensed to practice medicine who is actively practicing medicine in this state, the underlying license to practice~~  
25 ~~medicine may be considered lapsed by the board.~~

26 ~~———(4) A license or renewal fee may not be imposed on a licensee under this chapter by a municipality or~~  
27 ~~any other subdivision of the state."~~

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29 **Section 27.** Section 37-3-341, MCA, is amended to read:

30 **"37-3-341. Legislative findings.** The Montana legislature previously found, in 37-3-101, that the

1 practice of medicine in Montana is a privilege, not a natural right, and that the regulation of the practice of  
 2 medicine is necessary to ensure the health, happiness, safety, and welfare of the people of Montana. The  
 3 legislature now finds that because of technological advances and changing patterns of medical practice,  
 4 medicine is increasingly being practiced by electronic means across state lines. Although access to technological  
 5 advances is in the public interest, the legislature also finds that regulation of the practice of medicine across  
 6 state lines is necessary to protect the public against the unprofessional, improper, unauthorized, and unqualified  
 7 practice of medicine. Accordingly, the legislature finds that physicians outside the boundaries of Montana who  
 8 ~~enter the state~~ by electronic or other technological means ~~to~~ practice medicine for compensation on patients  
 9 inside Montana are seeking the benefit and protection of the laws of Montana and are subject to the licensure  
 10 and regulatory requirements provided in 37-3-341 through 37-3-345 and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349."

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12 **Section 28.** Section 37-3-342, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-3-342. Definition -- scope of practice allowed by telemedicine certificate.** (1) As used in  
 14 37-3-301, ~~and 37-3-341 through 37-3-345, and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349,~~ "telemedicine" means the practice  
 15 of medicine, as defined in 37-3-102, by a physician located outside the state who performs an evaluative or  
 16 therapeutic act relating to the treatment or correction of a patient's physical or mental condition, ailment, disease,  
 17 injury, or infirmity and who transmits that evaluative or therapeutic act into Montana through any means, method,  
 18 device, or instrumentality under the following conditions:

19 (a) The information or opinion is provided for compensation or with the expectation of compensation.  
 20 (b) The physician does not limit the physician's services to an occasional case.  
 21 (c) The physician has an established or regularly used connection with the state, including but not  
 22 limited to:

23 (i) an office or another place for the reception of a transmission from the physician;  
 24 (ii) a contractual relationship with a person or entity in Montana related to the physician's practice of  
 25 medicine; or  
 26 (iii) privileges in a Montana hospital or another Montana health care facility, as defined in 50-5-101.

27 (2) As used in 37-3-301, ~~and 37-3-341 through 37-3-345, and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349,~~ telemedicine  
 28 does not mean:

29 (a) an act or practice that is exempt from licensure under 37-3-103;  
 30 (b) an informal consultation, made without compensation or expectation of compensation, between an

- 1 out-of-state physician and a physician or other health care provider located in Montana;
- 2 (c) the transfer of patient records, independent of any other medical service and without compensation;
- 3 (d) communication about a Montana patient with the patient's physician or other health care provider  
4 who practices in Montana, in lieu of direct communication with the Montana patient or the patient's legal  
5 representative;
- 6 (e) diagnosis of a medical condition by a physician located outside the state, based upon an x-ray,  
7 cardiogram, pap smear, or other specimen sent for evaluation to the physician outside the state by a health care  
8 provider in Montana; or
- 9 (f) a communication from a physician located outside Montana to a patient in Montana in collaboration  
10 with a physician or other health care provider licensed to practice medicine in Montana."  
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12 **Section 29.** Section 37-3-343, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-3-343. Practice of telemedicine prohibited without certificate -- scope of practice limitations**  
14 **-- violations and penalty.** (1) A physician may not practice telemedicine in this state without a telemedicine  
15 certificate issued pursuant to 37-3-301, ~~and~~ 37-3-341 through 37-3-345, and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349.

16 (2) A telemedicine certificate authorizes an out-of-state physician to practice telemedicine only with  
17 respect to the specialty in which the physician is board-certified or meets the current requirements to take the  
18 examination to become board-certified and on which the physician bases the physician's application for a  
19 telemedicine certificate pursuant to 37-3-345(2).

20 (3) A telemedicine certificate authorizes an out-of-state physician to practice only telemedicine. A  
21 telemedicine certificate does not authorize the physician to engage in the practice of medicine while physically  
22 present within the state.

23 (4) A physician who practices telemedicine in this state without a telemedicine certificate issued  
24 pursuant to 37-3-301, ~~and~~ 37-3-341 through 37-3-345, and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349, in violation of the terms  
25 or conditions of that certificate, in violation of the scope of practice allowed by the certificate, or without a  
26 physician's certificate of licensure issued pursuant to 37-3-301(2)(a), is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
27 conviction shall be sentenced as provided in 37-3-325."  
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29 **Section 30.** Section 37-3-344, MCA, is amended to read:

30 **"37-3-344. Application for telemedicine certificate.** (1) A person desiring a telemedicine certificate

1 shall apply to the department and verify the application by oath, in a form prescribed by the board.

2 (2) The application must be accompanied by:

3 (a) a certificate fee prescribed by board rule; and

4 (b) documents required by the board that establish that the applicant possesses the qualifications  
5 prescribed by 37-3-341 through 37-3-345 and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349 and the rules of the board. The burden  
6 of proof is on the applicant, but the department may make an independent investigation to determine whether  
7 the applicant possesses the requisite qualifications.

8 (3) The application must include a clear statement that the applicant consents to the jurisdiction of the  
9 state as specified in 37-3-349.

10 (4) The applicant shall provide to the board authorizations necessary for the release of records and  
11 other information required by the board."

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13 **Section 31.** Section 37-3-347, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"37-3-347. Reasons for denial of certificate -- alternative route to licensed practice.** (1) The board  
15 may deny an application for a telemedicine certificate if the applicant:

16 (a) fails to demonstrate that the applicant possesses the qualifications for a certificate required by  
17 37-3-341 through 37-3-345 and 37-3-347 through 37-3-349 and the rules of the board;

18 (b) fails to pay a required fee;

19 (c) does not possess the qualifications or character required by this chapter; or

20 (d) has committed unprofessional conduct.

21 (2) A physician who does not meet the qualifications for a telemedicine certificate provided in 37-3-345  
22 may apply for a physician's license in order to practice medicine in Montana."

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24 **Section 32.** Section 37-4-301, MCA, is amended to read:

25 **"37-4-301. Examination -- qualifications Qualifications -- fees --certification.** (1) Applicants for  
26 licensure ~~shall take and pass an examination in order to be licensed. The examination must consist of a written~~  
27 ~~part and a practical or clinical part. It may also include, at the board's discretion, an oral interview with the board,~~  
28 ~~which may include questions pertaining to the practice of dentistry. The board may accept, in satisfaction of the~~  
29 ~~written part, successful completion of an examination by the national board of dental examiners and, whenever~~  
30 ~~the board determines necessary, successful completion of a board examination in jurisprudence to be~~

1 administered at times and places approved by the board. The board may accept, in satisfaction of the practical  
2 part, successful completion of an examination by a board-designated regional testing service.

3 ~~———(2) Acceptance by the board of a written and practical examination must be conditioned on evidence  
4 that the examination is sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dentistry. The  
5 examination must include, written in the English language, questions on anatomy, histology, physiology,  
6 chemistry, pharmacology and therapeutics, metallurgy, pathology, bacteriology, anesthesia, operative and  
7 surgical dentistry, prosthetic dentistry, prophylaxis, orthodontics, periodontics and endodontics, and any  
8 additional subjects pertaining to dental service.~~

9 ~~———(3) The board has the right to administer its own examination in lieu of acceptance of the national board  
10 written examination and a regional testing service practical examination. The board is authorized to make rules  
11 governing examination procedures.~~

12 ~~———(4) Applicants for licensure shall submit an application, which that must include, when required:~~

13 ~~(a)(1) certification of successful completion of the national board written examination;~~

14 ~~(b)(2) certification of successful completion of a regional board practical examination;~~

15 ~~(c)(3) three affidavits of good moral character;~~

16 ~~(d)(4) a certificate of graduation from a board-approved dental school; and~~

17 ~~(e) an examination fee commensurate with costs and set by the board;~~

18 ~~———(f)(5) an application fee, commensurate with costs and set by the board;~~

19 ~~———(g) a recent photograph of the applicant; and~~

20 ~~———(h) copies of all other state licenses that are held by the applicant.~~

21 ~~———(5) Applicants may not take the jurisprudence examination or the oral interview without first having  
22 completed and passed all other parts of the examination.~~

23 ~~———(6) Examination results will be accepted for a period of time as set by board rule. An applicant failing  
24 to pass the first examination, if otherwise qualified, may take a subsequent examination upon payment of a fee  
25 commensurate with costs and set by the board.~~

26 ~~———(7) The board is authorized to adopt necessary and reasonable rules governing application procedures."~~

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28 **Section 33.** Section 37-4-307, MCA, is amended to read:

29 **"37-4-307. ~~Renewal fee~~ default Notice of name and address change -- local fees prohibited. (†)**

30 ~~Each licensed dentist shall pay a renewal fee to the board. The renewal fee must be set by the board~~

1 commensurate with costs. Notice of the change in the amount of renewal fees must be given to each dentist  
2 registered in this state by the department.

3 ~~————(2) Payment of the renewal fee must be made on or before the license expiration date set by~~  
4 ~~department rule, and a license renewal must be issued by the department. A reasonable late fee must be~~  
5 ~~required by the department if the renewal fee is not paid in a timely manner.~~

6 ~~————(3) (a) Except as provided in 37-1-138, in case of default in payment of the renewal fee by a licensee,~~  
7 ~~the license must be forfeited by the licensee. The board shall give the licensee 30 days' notice of its proposed~~  
8 ~~forfeiture action. The notice must be sent by certified letter addressed to the last-known address of the licensee~~  
9 ~~and must contain a statement of the time and place of the meeting at which the forfeiture will be considered.~~

10 ~~————(b) If the licensee pays the renewal fee, plus a reasonable late fee set by the board, prior to the time~~  
11 ~~set for forfeiture, the license may not be forfeited.~~

12 ~~————(c) A license forfeited for nonpayment of the renewal fee may be reinstated within 5 years of forfeiture~~  
13 ~~if:~~

14 ~~————(i) renewal fees are paid for each renewal period that they were unpaid, plus a late penalty fee for each~~  
15 ~~renewal period;~~

16 ~~————(ii) the applicant produces evidence, satisfactory to the board, of good standing with the dentistry~~  
17 ~~regulatory agencies of any jurisdiction in which the applicant has engaged in the active practice of dentistry since~~  
18 ~~the last payment of a renewal fee under this chapter; and~~

19 ~~————(iii) the applicant produces evidence, satisfactory to the board, of good character and competence.~~

20 ~~————(4)(1) Each dentist shall give the board notice of any change in name, address, or status within 30 10~~  
21 ~~days of the change.~~

22 ~~(5)(2) A unit of local government, including those exercising self-government powers, may not impose~~  
23 ~~a license fee on a dentist licensed under this chapter."~~

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25 **Section 34.** Section 37-4-402, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"37-4-402. License -- examination.** (1) The department may issue licenses for the practice of dental  
27 hygiene to qualified applicants to be known as dental hygienists.

28 (2) Except as provided by rules adopted under 37-1-319, a person may not engage in the practice of  
29 dental hygiene or practice as a dental hygienist in this state until the person has passed an examination  
30 approved by the board under rules ~~it considers proper~~ adopted by the board and has been issued a license by

1 the department.

2 ~~(3) Applicants for licensure shall take and pass an examination in order to be licensed. The examination~~  
 3 ~~must consist of a written part and a practical or clinical part. The board may accept, in satisfaction of the written~~  
 4 ~~part, successful completion of an examination by the national board of dental examiners and, whenever the~~  
 5 ~~board determines necessary, successful completion of a board examination in jurisprudence. The board may~~  
 6 ~~accept, in satisfaction of the practical part, successful completion of an examination by a board-designated~~  
 7 ~~regional testing service.~~

8 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) The board has the right to administer its own examination in lieu of acceptance of the national board~~  
 9 ~~written examination and a regional testing service practical examination. The board is authorized to make rules~~  
 10 ~~governing examination procedures.~~

11 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (5)(3) Applicants~~ An applicant for licensure shall submit an application, ~~which~~ that must include, when  
 12 required:

- 13 (a) certification of successful completion of the national board ~~written~~ WRITTEN examination;
- 14 (b) certification of successful completion of a regional board ~~practical~~ PRACTICAL examination;
- 15 (c) two affidavits of good moral character;
- 16 (d) a certificate of graduation from a board-approved dental hygiene school; and
- 17 ~~(e) an examination fee commensurate with costs and set by the board;~~
- 18 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (f)(e) an application fee, commensurate with costs and set by the board;~~
- 19 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (g) a recent photograph of the applicant; and~~
- 20 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (h) copies of all other state licenses that are held by the applicant.~~

21 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (6) Applicants may not take the jurisprudence examination without first having completed and passed~~  
 22 ~~all other parts of the examination.~~

23 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (7) Examination results will be accepted for a period of time as set by board rule. An applicant failing~~  
 24 ~~to pass the first examination, if otherwise qualified, may take a subsequent examination on payment of a fee~~  
 25 ~~commensurate with costs and set by the board.~~

26 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (8) The board is authorized to adopt necessary and reasonable rules governing application procedures."~~

27

28 **Section 35.** Section 37-4-406, MCA, is amended to read:

29 **"37-4-406. Renewal fee -- default -- forfeiture of license Notice of name and address change --**  
 30 **local fees prohibited.** (4) Each licensed dental hygienist shall pay a renewal fee to the board. The renewal fee

1 ~~must be set by the board commensurate with costs.~~

2 ~~———(2) Payment of the renewal fee must be made on or before the license expiration date set by~~  
 3 ~~department rule, and a license renewal must be issued by the department. A reasonable late fee must be~~  
 4 ~~required if the renewal fee is not paid in a timely manner.~~

5 ~~———(3) Except as provided in 37-1-138, in case of default in payment of the renewal fee by any licensee,~~  
 6 ~~the licensee shall forfeit the license.~~

7 ~~———(a) The board shall give the licensee 30 days' notice of its proposed forfeiture action. The notice must~~  
 8 ~~be sent by certified mail to the last-known address of the licensee and must contain a statement of the time and~~  
 9 ~~place of the meeting at which the forfeiture will be considered.~~

10 ~~———(b) The payment of the renewal fee on or before the time set for forfeiture, with a reasonable late fee~~  
 11 ~~set by the board, excuses the default.~~

12 ~~———(c) A license forfeited for nonpayment of the renewal fee may be reinstated within 5 years of forfeiture~~  
 13 ~~if:~~

14 ~~———(i) renewal fees are paid for each period that they were unpaid, plus a late penalty for each period;~~

15 ~~———(ii) the applicant produces evidence, satisfactory to the board, of good standing with the dental hygiene~~  
 16 ~~regulatory agencies of any jurisdiction in which the applicant has engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene~~  
 17 ~~since the last payment of a renewal fee under this chapter; and~~

18 ~~———(iii) the applicant produces evidence, satisfactory to the board, of good character and competence.~~

19 ~~———(4)(1) Each dental hygienist shall give the board notice of any change in name, address, or status within~~  
 20 ~~30 10 days of the change.~~

21 ~~(5) The board may, after a hearing, revoke or suspend the license of a dental hygienist for violating this~~  
 22 ~~chapter.~~

23 ~~———(6)(2) A unit of local government, including those exercising self-government powers, may not impose~~  
 24 ~~a license fee on a dental hygienist licensed under this chapter."~~

25

26 **Section 36.** Section 37-6-304, MCA, is amended to read:

27 **"37-6-304. Designations on license -- recording --renewal--display.** (1) A license issued under this  
 28 chapter is designated as a "registered podiatrist's license" or a "temporary podiatrist's license".

29 (2) Licenses must be recorded by the The department shall record licenses the same as other medical  
 30 licenses.

- 1           ~~(3) Licenses must be renewed on a date set by department rule.~~  
 2           ~~(4) A license renewal fee set by the board must be paid on a date set by department rule.~~  
 3           ~~(5) The department shall mail renewal notices prior to the renewal date.~~  
 4           ~~(6) Except as provided in 37-1-138, if the renewal fee is not paid on or before the renewal date, the~~  
 5           ~~board may consider the license lapsed."~~

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7           **SECTION 37.** SECTION 37-7-104, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

8           **"37-7-104. Qualifications of employee hired to assist board.** A person hired by the department to  
 9           enter and inspect an establishment under this chapter; ~~to examine the books of a manufacturer, druggist,~~  
 10           ~~storekeeper, wholesaler, pharmacist, or intern; to assist in a prosecution under this chapter; and to assist the~~  
 11           ~~board in supervising internships, reciprocity agreements, professional correspondence, and examinations shall~~  
 12           must be:

- 13           (1) a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state; and  
 14           (2) a pharmacist registered under this chapter, ~~with at least 5 years of practical experience."~~

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16           **Section 38.** Section 37-7-302, MCA, is amended to read:

17           **"37-7-302. Examination -- qualifications -- fees -- reciprocity Qualifications -- display of license.**

18           ~~(1) The department shall give reasonable notice of examinations by mail to known applicants. The department~~  
 19           ~~shall record the names of persons examined, together with the grounds on which the right of each to~~  
 20           ~~examination was claimed, and also the names of persons registered by examination or otherwise.~~

21           ~~(2) The fee for an examination must be set by the board at a figure commensurate with costs. The fee~~  
 22           ~~may in the discretion of the board be returned to applicants not taking the examination.~~

23           ~~(3)~~(1) To be entitled to examination as a pharmacist, the applicant must be of good moral character and  
 24           must have graduated and received the first professional undergraduate degree from the school of pharmacy of  
 25           the university of Montana-Missoula or ~~from~~ have received an accredited pharmacy degree ~~program~~ that has  
 26           been approved by the board. However, an applicant may not receive a registered pharmacist's license until the  
 27           applicant has complied with the internship requirements established by the board.

28           ~~(4)~~(2) Each person licensed and registered under this chapter must receive from the department an  
 29           appropriate ~~certificate~~ license ~~attesting the fact, which.~~ The license must be conspicuously displayed at all times  
 30           in the place of business."

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2 **Section 39.** Section 37-7-321, MCA, is amended to read:

3 **"37-7-321. Certified pharmacy license -- display.** ~~(4)~~ The board shall provide for the original  
4 certification and renewal by the board of every pharmacy doing business in this state. On presentation of  
5 evidence satisfactory to the board, ~~and on application on a prescribed form prescribed by the board,~~ and on the  
6 payment of an original certification fee prescribed by the board, the board shall issue a license to a pharmacy  
7 as a certified pharmacy. However, the license may be granted only to pharmacies operated by registered  
8 pharmacists qualified under this chapter. ~~The renewal fee for a pharmacy must be set by the board. Any default~~  
9 ~~in the payment of the renewal fee after the date the fee is due increases the renewal fee as prescribed by the~~  
10 ~~board.~~ The license must be displayed in a conspicuous place in the pharmacy for which it is issued ~~and expires~~  
11 ~~on the date set by board rule. It is unlawful for a~~ A person to may not conduct operate a pharmacy, use the word  
12 "pharmacy" to identify the business, or use the word "pharmacy" in advertising unless a license has been issued  
13 and is in effect.

14 ~~(2) The board may impose discipline or deny or refuse to renew a pharmacy license for reasons~~  
15 ~~specified in and subject to conditions specified in Title 37, chapter 1."~~

16

17 **Section 40.** Section 37-7-605, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"37-7-605. Out-of-state wholesale drug distributor licensing requirements.** (1) ~~It is unlawful for an~~  
19 An out-of-state wholesale drug distributor to may not conduct business in this state without first obtaining a  
20 license from the board and paying the license fee established by the board.

21 (2) Application for a license under this section must be made on a an approved form ~~furnished by the~~  
22 ~~board.~~

23 (3) The issuance of a license may not affect tax liability imposed by the department of revenue on any  
24 out-of-state wholesale drug distributor.

25 (4) A person acting as principal or agent for an out-of-state wholesale drug distributor may not sell or  
26 distribute drugs in this state unless the distributor has obtained a license."

27

28 **Section 41.** Section 37-7-606, MCA, is amended to read:

29 **"37-7-606. Issuance of licenses Licenses.** The license for wholesale drug distributors is effective  
30 during the period specified by department rule. ~~An application for renewal of a license must be mailed to each~~

1 ~~licensee at least 30 days prior to the renewal date, and if the renewal application and the fee are not mailed by~~  
2 ~~the renewal date, the license is void upon its expiration date."~~

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4 **Section 42.** Section 37-8-102, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"37-8-102. Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter, the following definitions  
6 apply:

7 (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a registered professional nurse who has completed  
8 educational requirements related to the nurse's specific practice role, in addition to basic nursing education, as  
9 specified by the board pursuant to 37-8-202~~(5)(a)~~.

10 (2) "Board" means the board of nursing provided for in 2-15-1734.

11 (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part  
12 17.

13 (4) "Medication aide" means a person who in an assisted living facility uses standardized procedures  
14 in the administration of drugs, as defined in 37-7-101, ~~in an assisted living facility~~ that are prescribed by a  
15 physician, an advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority, a dentist, an osteopath, or a  
16 podiatrist authorized by state law to prescribe drugs.

17 (5) "Nursing education program" means any board-approved school that prepares graduates for initial  
18 licensure under this chapter. Nursing education programs for:

19 (a) professional nursing may be a department, school, division, or other administrative unit in a junior  
20 college, college, or university;

21 (b) practical nursing may be a department, school, division, or other administrative unit in a  
22 vocational-technical institution or junior college.

23 (6) "Practice of nursing" embraces the practice of practical nursing and the practice of professional  
24 nursing.

25 (7) (a) "Practice of practical nursing" means the performance of services requiring basic knowledge of  
26 the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological, and sociological sciences and of nursing procedures. ~~Practical~~  
27 The practice of practical nursing practice uses standardized procedures in the observation and care of the ill,  
28 injured, and infirm, in the maintenance of health, in action to safeguard life and health, and in the administration  
29 of medications and treatments prescribed by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, dentist, osteopath,  
30 or podiatrist authorized by state law to prescribe medications and treatments. These services are performed

1 under the supervision of a registered nurse or a physician, dentist, osteopath, or podiatrist authorized by state  
2 law to prescribe medications and treatments.

3 (b) These services may include a charge-nurse capacity in a long-term care facility that provides skilled  
4 nursing care or intermediate nursing care, as defined in 50-5-101, under the general supervision of a registered  
5 nurse.

6 (8) "Practice of professional nursing" means the performance of services requiring substantial  
7 specialized knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological, and sociological sciences and of  
8 nursing theory as a basis for the nursing process. The nursing process is the assessment, nursing analysis,  
9 planning, nursing intervention, and evaluation in the promotion and maintenance of health, the prevention,  
10 casefinding, and management of illness, injury, or infirmity, and the restoration of optimum function. The term  
11 also includes administration, teaching, counseling, supervision, delegation, and evaluation of nursing practice  
12 and the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by physicians, advanced practice registered  
13 nurses, dentists, osteopaths, or podiatrists authorized by state law to prescribe medications and treatments.  
14 Each registered nurse is directly accountable and responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care  
15 rendered. As used in this subsection (8):

16 (a) "nursing analysis" is the identification of those client problems for which nursing care is indicated  
17 and may include referral to medical or community resources;

18 (b) "nursing intervention" is the implementation of a plan of nursing care necessary to accomplish  
19 defined goals."  
20

21 **Section 43.** Section 37-8-202, MCA, is amended to read:

22 **"37-8-202. Organization -- meetings -- powers and duties.** (1) The board shall:

23 (a) meet annually and shall elect from among the ~~nine~~ members a president and a secretary. ~~The board~~  
24 shall;

25 (b) hold other meetings when necessary to transact its business. ~~The department shall keep complete~~  
26 ~~minutes and records of the meetings and rules and orders promulgated by the board.~~

27 ~~— (2) The board may make rules necessary to administer this chapter. The board shall;~~

28 (c) prescribe standards for schools preparing persons for registration and licensure under this chapter.  
29 It shall;

30 (d) provide for surveys of schools at times ~~it~~ the board considers necessary. ~~It shall;~~

1 ~~(e) approve programs that meet the requirements of this chapter and of the board. The department shall,~~  
 2 ~~subject to 37-1-101, examine and issue to and renew licenses of qualified applicants. The board shall;~~

3 ~~(f) conduct hearings on charges that may call for discipline of a licensee, revocation of a license, or~~  
 4 ~~removal of schools of nursing from the approved list. It shall;~~

5 ~~(g) cause the prosecution of persons violating this chapter and. The board~~ may incur necessary  
 6 expenses for prosecutions.

7 ~~(3) The board may adopt and the department shall publish forms for use by applicants and others,~~  
 8 ~~including license, certificate, and identity forms and other appropriate forms and publications convenient for the~~  
 9 ~~proper administration of this chapter. The board may fix reasonable fees for incidental services, within the~~  
 10 ~~subject matter delegated by this chapter.~~

11 ~~(h) adopt rules regarding authorization for prescriptive authority of nurse specialists. If considered~~  
 12 ~~appropriate for a nurse specialist who applies to the board for authorization, prescriptive authority must be~~  
 13 ~~granted.~~

14 ~~(i) establish a program to assist licensed nurses who are found to be physically or mentally impaired~~  
 15 ~~by habitual intemperance or the excessive use of narcotic drugs, alcohol, or any other drug or substance. The~~  
 16 ~~program must provide for assistance to licensees in seeking treatment for substance abuse and monitor their~~  
 17 ~~efforts toward rehabilitation. For purposes of funding this program, the board shall adjust the renewal fee to be~~  
 18 ~~commensurate with the cost of the program.~~

19 ~~(4)(2) The board may:~~

20 ~~(a) participate in and pay fees to a national organization of state boards of nursing to ensure interstate~~  
 21 ~~endorsement of licenses;~~

22 ~~————(5) (a) The board may~~

23 ~~(b) define the educational requirements and other qualifications applicable to recognition of advanced~~  
 24 ~~practice registered nurses. Advanced practice registered nurses are nurses who must have additional~~  
 25 ~~professional education beyond the basic nursing degree required of a registered nurse. Additional education~~  
 26 ~~must be obtained in courses offered in a university setting or its the equivalent. The applicant must be certified~~  
 27 ~~or in the process of being certified by a certifying body for advanced practice registered nurses. Advanced~~  
 28 ~~practice registered nurses include nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse~~  
 29 ~~specialists.~~

30 ~~(b) The board shall adopt rules regarding authorization for prescriptive authority of nurse specialists.~~

1 If considered appropriate for a nurse specialist who applies to the board for authorization, prescriptive authority  
2 must be granted:

3 ~~———(6) The board may~~

4 (c) establish qualifications for licensure of medication aides, including but not limited to educational  
5 requirements. The board may define levels of licensure of medication aides consistent with educational  
6 qualifications, responsibilities, and the level of acuity of the medication aides' patients. The board may limit the  
7 type of drugs that are allowed to be administered and the method of administration.

8 ~~(7) The board shall establish a program to assist licensed nurses who are found to be physically or~~  
9 ~~mentally impaired by habitual intemperance or the excessive use of narcotic drugs, alcohol, or any other drug~~  
10 ~~or substance. The program must provide assistance to licensees in seeking treatment for substance abuse and~~  
11 ~~monitor their efforts toward rehabilitation. For purposes of funding this program, the board shall adjust the license~~  
12 ~~fee provided for in 37-8-431 commensurate with the cost of the program.~~

13 ~~(8) The board may~~

14 (d) adopt rules for delegation of nursing tasks by licensed nurses to unlicensed persons;

15 (e) adopt rules necessary to administer this chapter; and

16 ~~(9)(f) The board may fund additional staff, hired by the department, to administer the provisions of this~~  
17 chapter."

18

19 **SECTION 44. SECTION 37-8-204, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:**

20 **"37-8-204. Executive director. (1)** The department shall hire an executive director to provide services  
21 to the board in connection with the board's duties of:

22 ~~(1)(a)~~ (a) prescribing curricula and standards for nursing schools and making surveys of and approving  
23 schools and courses;

24 ~~(2)(b)~~ (b) evaluating and approving courses for affiliation of student nurses; and

25 ~~(3)(c)~~ (c) reviewing qualifications of applicants for licensure.

26 (2) The department shall hire as the executive director an individual who:

27 (a) is a graduate of an approved school of nursing and who has at least a master's degree with  
28 postgraduate courses in nursing;

29 (b) is licensed as a registered professional nurse in Montana; and

30 (c) has experience in teaching or administration in an approved school of nursing and who has

1 completed at least 3 years in the clinical practice of nursing."

2

3 **Section 45.** Section 37-9-304, MCA, is amended to read:

4 **"37-9-304. Fees.** (1) Each person who applies for licensure, ~~whether by waiver, examination, or~~  
5 ~~reciprocation,~~ shall pay a fee prescribed by the board at the time of application.

6 (2) Each person licensed as a nursing home administrator shall pay a license fee in an amount fixed  
7 by the board. ~~A license expires on a date set by department rule and must be renewed upon timely payment of~~  
8 ~~the license fee.~~

9 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) The fee for issuing a duplicate license must be fixed by the board."~~

10

11 **Section 46.** Section 37-9-305, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"37-9-305. Renewal of registration and license License -- grounds for discipline.** Each holder of  
13 ~~a nursing home administrator's registration and license shall renew it by payment of the required fee for the next~~  
14 ~~subsequent period prior to the expiration date of the currently valid registration and license, except as may be~~  
15 ~~otherwise provided in 37-1-138. Renewals of registrations or licenses A license must be granted as a matter of~~  
16 ~~course. However, if the board finds, after notice and hearing, that the applicant has acted or failed to act in a~~  
17 ~~manner or under circumstances that would constitute grounds for discipline, it may not issue the renewal~~  
18 ~~accordance with this chapter, the board may find grounds for discipline."~~

19

20 **Section 47.** Section 37-10-302, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"37-10-302. Examination ~~-- qualifications~~ Qualifications -- application ~~-- issuance of certificate.~~**

22 (1) The board shall adopt rules relative to and governing the qualifications of applicants for certificates of  
23 registration as optometrists. ~~If the applicant does not meet the requirements of the rules, the applicant is not~~  
24 ~~eligible to take an examination to practice optometry in this state. If the applicant meets the requirements of the~~  
25 ~~rules, the applicant must pass an examination given by the national board of examiners in optometry on behalf~~  
26 ~~of the department, subject to 37-1-101. Examinations must be practical in character and designed to ascertain~~  
27 ~~the applicant's fitness to practice the profession of optometry and must be conducted in the English language.~~  
28 ~~The department shall publish and distribute the examination requirements for a certificate to practice optometry~~  
29 ~~in this state. The board may accept the grades an applicant has received in the written examinations given by~~  
30 ~~the national board of examiners in optometry.~~

1 (2) A person is not eligible to receive a certificate of registration unless that person is 18 years of age  
2 or older and of good moral character.

3 (3) A person is not eligible to receive a certificate of registration unless that person has certificates of  
4 graduation from an accredited high school and from a school of optometry in which the practice and science of  
5 optometry is taught in a course of study covering 8 semesters or 4 years of actual attendance and that is  
6 accredited by the international association of boards of examiners in optometry.

7 (4) A person desiring a certificate of registration shall file ~~an~~ a completed application, ~~in the manner~~  
8 ~~prescribed by the board, on a form provided by the department~~ and pay a fee prescribed by the board.

9 ~~(5) A person who successfully passes the examination administered by the national board of examiners~~  
10 ~~in optometry and who has met the requirements for qualification as an optometrist must be registered in a~~  
11 ~~register kept by the department and, on the payment of a fee prescribed by the board, must receive a certificate~~  
12 ~~of registration signed by the members of the board."~~

13

14 **Section 48.** Section 37-10-304, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"37-10-304. Course in use of diagnostic and therapeutic drugs required.** (1) (a) In addition to the  
16 requirements of 37-10-302, each person desiring to commence the practice of optometry shall satisfactorily  
17 complete a course prescribed by the board of medical examiners with consultation and approval by the board  
18 of optometrists with particular emphasis on the topical application of diagnostic agents to the eye for the purpose  
19 of examination of the human eye and the analysis of ocular functions.

20 (b) A person presently licensed to practice optometry who wishes to employ diagnostic agents ~~must~~  
21 shall satisfactorily complete a course referred to in subsection (1)(a) and ~~must~~ shall pass an examination ~~as~~  
22 ~~provided in subsection (1)(d).~~

23 (c) The course referred to in subsection (1)(a) must be conducted by an institution accredited by a  
24 regional or professional accreditation organization ~~which~~ that is recognized or approved by the national  
25 commission on accrediting or the United States commissioner of education. ~~The course must also be approved~~  
26 ~~by the board.~~

27 ~~— (d) The board shall provide for an examination in competency in the use of diagnostic drugs and shall~~  
28 ~~issue a certificate to those applicants who pass the examination.~~

29 (2) (a) Each person desiring to ~~commence the practice of~~ optometry shall:

30 (i) pass an examination, of the ~~international~~ association of regulatory boards ~~of examiners in of~~

1 optometry, on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular disease; or

2 (ii) take a course and pass an examination in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular  
3 diseases. The course and examination must be conducted by an institution accredited by a regional or  
4 professional accreditation organization ~~which~~ that is recognized or approved by the national commission on  
5 accrediting or the United States commissioner of education. ~~The course and examination must also be approved~~  
6 ~~by the board.~~

7 (b) A person presently licensed to practice optometry who wishes to employ therapeutic pharmaceutical  
8 agents must meet the requirements of subsection (2)(a).

9 ~~(c) The board shall:~~

10 ~~—— (i) provide for an examination in competency in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of~~  
11 ~~therapeutic pharmaceutical agents; and~~

12 ~~—— (ii) issue a certificate to an applicant who passes the examination."~~

13

14 **Section 49.** Section 37-11-201, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"37-11-201. General powers -- rulemaking power -- records.** (1) The board may:

16 ~~(a)(1) adopt rules to carry implement this chapter into effect;~~

17 ~~(b) grant, suspend, and revoke licenses;~~

18 ~~—— (c)(2) issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or the production of books and papers;~~

19 and

20 ~~(d)(3) take any other disciplinary action necessary to protect the public.~~

21 ~~(2) The board shall:~~

22 ~~—— (a) examine applicants for licenses at reasonable places and times determined by the board;~~

23 ~~—— (b) review the qualifications of applicants who are approved for examination for licensure;~~

24 ~~—— (c) conduct written or computerized examinations that measure the qualifications of individual applicants~~  
25 ~~along with any oral or practical examinations when determined by the board to be appropriate; and~~

26 ~~—— (d) adopt rules to establish continuing education requirements of at least 20 hours biennially for license~~  
27 ~~renewal for physical therapists and assistants, subject to the provisions of 37-1-138.~~

28 ~~—— (3) The department shall keep a record of the board's proceedings under this chapter and a register~~  
29 ~~of persons licensed under it. The register must show the name of every licensed physical therapist and licensed~~  
30 ~~assistant, the therapist's or assistant's last-known place of business and last-known place of residence, and the~~

1 ~~date of issue and the number of every license and certificate issued to a licensed physical therapist or licensed~~  
 2 ~~assistant.~~

3 ~~—— (4) The department shall, during the month of April every year in which the renewal of licenses is~~  
 4 ~~required, compile a list of licensed physical therapists authorized to practice physical therapy in the state and~~  
 5 ~~shall mail, upon request, a copy of that list to the superintendent of every known hospital and every person~~  
 6 ~~licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state. An interested person in the state is entitled to obtain a~~  
 7 ~~copy of the list on application to the department and payment of an amount not in excess of the cost of the list.~~

8 ~~—— (5) The department may change addresses and surnames on the licensee's records only on the specific~~  
 9 ~~written request by the individual licensee."~~

10

11 **Section 50.** Section 37-11-304, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"37-11-304. Application for examination -- fee.** (1) A person who desires to be licensed as a physical  
 13 therapist or a physical therapist assistant shall apply to the department ~~in writing~~, on a form furnished by the  
 14 department. The person shall:

15 ~~—— (a) provide evidence under oath, satisfactory to the board, of having the qualifications preliminary to~~  
 16 ~~the examination required by 37-11-303; and~~

17 ~~—— (b) pay to the department at the time of filing the application a fee established by the board by rule. The~~  
 18 ~~fee must be commensurate with the cost of the examination and its administration and must be deposited in the~~  
 19 ~~state special revenue fund for the use of the board, subject to 37-1-101(G).~~

20 ~~—— (2) Anyone failing to pass the required examination on the first attempt is entitled to take a second~~  
 21 ~~examination and, if the second examination is failed, to take a third examination. A person who fails the third~~  
 22 ~~examination is required to successfully complete additional education as required by the board before retaking~~  
 23 ~~the examination."~~

24

25 **Section 51.** Section 37-12-201, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"37-12-201. Organization of board -- meetings -- powers and duties.** (1) The board shall:

27 (1) elect annually a president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer from its membership;

28 (2) ~~The board shall hold a regular meeting each year at Helena and shall hold special meetings at times~~  
 29 ~~and places as a majority of the board designates.~~

30 ~~—— (3) The board shall:~~

1           ~~(a)(2)~~ administer oaths, take affidavits, summon witnesses, and take testimony as to matters coming  
 2 within the scope of the board;

3           ~~(b)~~ adopt a seal that must be affixed to licenses issued;

4           ~~(c)(3)~~ make a schedule of minimum educational requirements, ~~which~~ that are without prejudice,  
 5 partiality, or discrimination; as to the different schools of chiropractic;

6           ~~(d)(4)~~ adopt rules necessary for the implementation, administration, continuation, and enforcement of  
 7 this chapter. The rules must address but are not limited to license applications, ~~form and the~~ display of license  
 8 licenses, license examination format, ~~criteria for and grading of examinations, disciplinary standards for~~  
 9 ~~licensees~~; and the registration of interns and preceptors.

10           ~~(e)(5)~~ make determinations of the qualifications of applicants under this chapter; and

11           ~~(f)~~ administer the examination for licensure under this chapter;

12           ~~(g)~~ establish and collect fees, fines, and charges as provided in this chapter;

13           ~~(h)~~ issue, suspend, or revoke licenses under the conditions prescribed in this chapter; and

14           ~~(i)(6)~~ certify that a chiropractor who meets the standards that the board by rule adopts is a qualified  
 15 evaluator for purposes of 39-71-711.

16           ~~(4)~~ The department shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board, which must at all times be open  
 17 to public inspection."

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19           **Section 52.** Section 37-12-302, MCA, is amended to read:

20           "**37-12-302. Applications -- qualifications -- fees.** (1) A person wishing to practice chiropractic in this  
 21 state shall ~~make application~~ apply to the department; on the a department form and in the manner prescribed  
 22 by the board. Each applicant must be a graduate of ~~or expect to graduate within 90 days prior to the next~~  
 23 ~~licensing examination administered by the board from~~ a college of chiropractic approved by the board, in which  
 24 the applicant has attended a course of study of 4 school years of not less than 9 months each. The applicant  
 25 shall present evidence showing proof of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. ~~Application~~  
 26 ~~must be made in writing, must be sworn to by an officer authorized to administer oaths, and must recite the~~  
 27 ~~history of applicant's educational qualifications, how long the applicant has studied chiropractic, of what school~~  
 28 ~~or college the applicant is a graduate, and the length of time the applicant has been engaged in practice.~~ The  
 29 application must be accompanied with copies of diplomas and certificates and satisfactory evidence of good  
 30 character and reputation.

1 (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a license fee prescribed by the board. ~~A fee must also be~~  
2 ~~paid for a subsequent examination and application.~~

3 (3) A person who is licensed in another state or who previously graduated from or was enrolled in a  
4 chiropractic college accredited by the council on chiropractic education on or before October 1, 1995, is exempt  
5 from the bachelor's degree requirement."  
6

7 **Section 53.** Section 37-13-302, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"37-13-302. Application for licensure -- fee -- qualifications.** (1) Each person desiring to practice  
9 acupuncture in this state shall ~~make application~~ apply to the board for licensure ~~with the secretary of the board,~~  
10 ~~upon the forms and in the manner prescribed by the board.~~ A fee prescribed by the board shall must accompany  
11 the application.

12 (2) ~~A person making application~~ An applicant shall furnish to the board evidence that ~~he~~ the applicant  
13 is:

14 (a) at least 18 years of age;

15 (b) of good moral character; as determined by the board;

16 (c) a graduate of ~~an approved~~ a school of acupuncture that is approved by the national accreditation  
17 commission for schools and colleges of acupuncture and oriental medicine and offers a course of at least 1,000  
18 hours of entry-level training in recognized branches of acupuncture or an equivalent curriculum approved by the  
19 board; and

20 (d) has passed an examination ~~prepared and administered by the board or an examination~~ prepared  
21 and administered by the national commission for the certification of acupuncturists or its successor."  
22

23 **Section 54.** Section 37-14-306, MCA, is amended to read:

24 **"37-14-306. Permits.** (1) The board may issue a permit to an applicant not qualifying for the issuance  
25 of a license under the provisions of this chapter but who has demonstrated; to the satisfaction of the board; the  
26 capability of performing high-quality x-ray procedures without endangering public health and safety. An applicant  
27 ~~must be required to~~ shall demonstrate this capability by completion of formal classroom training that meets the  
28 standards established by rule and by means of examination. Permits issued under provisions of ~~this section and~~  
29 ~~37-14-305 shall~~ and this section must specify x-ray procedures, defined and established by rule, that may be  
30 performed by the holder. Permits ~~shall be~~ are valid for a period not to exceed 12 months but may be renewed

1 under the provisions established by rule.

2 ~~(2) Examinations for the issuance of a permit must include a written portion and may also include~~  
 3 ~~practical and oral portions as established by the board. The board shall provide applicants for permits the~~  
 4 ~~opportunity for examination at intervals not to exceed 6 months. A nonrefundable examination fee, established~~  
 5 ~~by the board, must be submitted prior to examination for a permit. An applicant failing the examination must be~~  
 6 ~~charged a nonrefundable examination fee for any subsequent examination. An applicant failing any subsequent~~  
 7 ~~examination shall meet any additional eligibility requirements established by rule for reexamination.~~

8 ~~————(3)(2) Applicants~~ An applicant meeting minimum requirements for licensure shall must be issued a  
 9 temporary permit to work as a radiologic technologist. This temporary permit ~~shall expire~~ expires 15 days after  
 10 the date of first opportunity for examination.

11 ~~(4)(3)~~ The board shall issue temporary permits to unlicensed persons to perform x-ray procedures when  
 12 adequate evidence is provided to the board that ~~such a~~ temporary permit is necessary because of a regional  
 13 hardship or emergency condition and that ~~such person~~ the prospective recipient of a temporary permit is capable  
 14 of performing x-ray procedures without endangering public health and safety. Temporary permits may not  
 15 exceed 12 months in duration but may be renewed by reestablishing; to the board's satisfaction; evidence of  
 16 continued regional hardship or emergency conditions. The required adequate evidence of regional hardship,  
 17 emergency conditions, and capability to perform x-ray procedures without endangering public health and safety  
 18 must be established by rule.

19 ~~(5)(4)~~ Each applicant for a permit must:

- 20 (a) be of good moral character;  
 21 (b) be at least 18 years of age; and  
 22 (c) not be addicted to intemperate use of alcohol or narcotic drugs."

23

24 **Section 55.** Section 37-16-202, MCA, is amended to read:

25 **"37-16-202. Powers and duties.** The powers and duties of the board are to:

- 26 (1) license persons who apply and are qualified to practice the fitting of hearing aids;  
 27 (2) establish a procedure to act as a grievance board to initiate or receive, investigate, and mediate  
 28 complaints from any source concerning the activities of persons licensed under this chapter or their agents,  
 29 whether licensed or not;

30 ~~(3) suspend or revoke licenses under this chapter;~~

1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) designate the time and place for examining applicants for license and supervise and administer the~~  
 2 ~~examination;~~

3 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (5)(3) adopt rules necessary to carry out this chapter;~~

4 ~~(6)(4) require the periodic inspection and calibration of audiometric testing equipment and carry out~~  
 5 ~~periodic inspections of facilities of persons who practice or engage in the business of fitting or selling hearing~~  
 6 ~~aids;~~

7 ~~(7) prepare examinations required by the chapter;~~

8 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (8)(5) initiate legal action to enjoin from operation a person engaged in the sale, dispensing, or fitting~~  
 9 ~~of hearing aids in this state that is not licensed under this chapter;~~

10 ~~(9)(6) adopt rules consistent with the provisions of 37-16-301, 37-16-303, 37-16-304, 37-16-402,~~  
 11 ~~37-16-403, 37-16-405, 37-16-407, 37-16-408, and 37-16-411. Rules adopted by the board may include but are~~  
 12 ~~not limited to rules defining the term "related devices" and other rules necessary to implement 37-16-301,~~  
 13 ~~37-16-303, 37-16-304, 37-16-402, 37-16-403, 37-16-405, 37-16-407, 37-16-408, and 37-16-411.~~

14 ~~(10)(7) establish and adopt minimum requirements for the form of bills of sale and receipts."~~

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16 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ **Section 54.** Section 37-16-404, MCA, is amended to read:~~

17 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ **"37-16-404. Examinations -- subject areas.** The examinations provided in 37-16-403 An examination~~  
 18 ~~must consist of a test of knowledge and practical tests of proficiency, when they apply, in the following areas as~~  
 19 ~~they pertain to the fitting of hearing aids:~~

20 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) acoustics:~~

21 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) general principles;~~

22 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) the decibel;~~

23 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) hearing and speech;~~

24 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) the human ear:~~

25 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) external;~~

26 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) middle;~~

27 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) inner;~~

28 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) the hearing process;~~

29 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) disorders of hearing:~~

30 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) conductive;~~

- 1 ~~—— (b) sensorineural;~~  
 2 ~~—— (c) central;~~  
 3 ~~—— (d) psychogenic;~~  
 4 ~~—— (5) audiometry:~~  
 5 ~~—— (a) pure tone;~~  
 6 ~~—— (b) theory;~~  
 7 ~~—— (c) procedures;~~  
 8 ~~—— (d) speech;~~  
 9 ~~—— (6) the hearing analysis:~~  
 10 ~~—— (a) audiogram;~~  
 11 ~~—— (b) auditory area;~~  
 12 ~~—— (7) hearing aids:~~  
 13 ~~—— (a) history;~~  
 14 ~~—— (b) characteristics;~~  
 15 ~~—— (c) components;~~  
 16 ~~—— (8) practical use of the otoscope:~~  
 17 ~~—— (a) earmold;~~  
 18 ~~—— (b) impression;~~  
 19 ~~—— (9) fittings:~~  
 20 ~~—— (a) hearing aid;~~  
 21 ~~—— (b) earmold;~~  
 22 ~~—— (10) delivery and checkup; or~~  
 23 ~~—— (11) any change considered necessary by the board."~~

24

25 **Section 56.** Section 37-16-405, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"37-16-405. Trainee license.** (1) An applicant who fulfills the requirements of 37-16-402 and who has  
 27 not previously applied to take ~~the a~~ practical examination ~~under 37-16-403~~ may apply to the board for a trainee  
 28 license.

29 (2) On receiving an application under subsection (1), accompanied by a fee fixed by the board and  
 30 commensurate with the cost of administering the license and related functions of the board and verification that

1 the applicant has passed the written portion of the examination with a passing score as determined by board  
2 rule, the board shall issue a trainee license that entitles the applicant to engage in a 180-day training period  
3 during which the applicant:

4 (a) is required to pass the practical examination administered by the board before being issued a  
5 hearing aid dispenser's license; and

6 (b) shall work under the direct supervision of the sponsoring licensed hearing aid dispenser. During this  
7 time the applicant may do the testing necessary for proper selection and fitting of hearing aids and related  
8 devices and make necessary impressions. However, the delivery and final fitting of the hearing aid and related  
9 devices must be made by the trainee and the supervisor.

10 (3) The training period must consist of a continuous 180-day term. Any break in training requires  
11 application for another trainee license under rules that the board may prescribe.

12 (4) A trainee license may not be issued unless the board has on file an unrevoked statement from a  
13 qualified licensed hearing aid dispenser accepting responsibility for the trainee. Every licensed hearing aid  
14 dispenser supervising a trainee license holder shall submit a report every 90 days of the trainee's activities and  
15 training assignments, on forms furnished by the board. The supervisor is responsible for all hearing aid fittings  
16 of the trainee. A supervisor may terminate any responsibilities to the trainee by mailing by certified mail written  
17 notice to the board and the trainee.

18 (5) ~~(a)~~ If a person who holds a trainee license takes and fails to pass the practical examination during  
19 the training period, the board may authorize the department to renew the trainee license for a period of 180 days,  
20 during which the provisions of subsection (2)(b) apply. ~~In no event may more~~ More than one renewal ~~be is not~~  
21 permitted.

22 ~~(b) The fee for renewal must be set by the board commensurate with the cost of administering the~~  
23 ~~license and related functions of the board.~~

24 (6) A person licensed as an audiologist under the provisions of Title 37, chapter 15, or a person  
25 practicing pursuant to 37-1-305 is exempt from the 180-day training period but is required to pass the  
26 examinations prescribed in this chapter.

27 (7) A licensed hearing aid dispenser who sponsors a trainee is directly responsible and accountable  
28 under the disciplinary authority of the board for the conduct of the trainee as if the conduct were the licensee's  
29 own.

30 (8) For the purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means the direct and regular observation and

1 instruction of a trainee by a licensed hearing aid dispenser who is available at the same location for prompt  
2 consultation and treatment."

3

4 **Section 57.** Section 37-17-302, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"37-17-302. ~~Application~~ Qualifications.** ~~(1) Application for examination for licensure~~  
6 ~~as a psychologist must be made on forms prescribed by the board.~~

7 ~~———(2) The board shall license as a psychologist any person who pays the prescribed fee, passes the~~  
8 ~~prescribed examination, and submits evidence by oath that the person:~~

9 ~~(a)(1)~~ (1) is 18 years of age or older;

10 ~~(b)(2)~~ (2) is of good moral character;

11 ~~(c)(i)(3)~~ (3) (a) has received a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from an accredited college or  
12 university having an appropriate graduate program approved by the American psychological association;

13 ~~(ii)(b)~~ (b) has received a doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited college or university not  
14 approved by the American psychological association and has successfully completed a formal graduate  
15 retraining program in clinical psychology approved by the American psychological association; or

16 ~~(iii)(c)~~ (c) has received a doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited college or university and has  
17 completed a course of studies that meets minimum standards specified in rules by the board; and

18 ~~(d)(4)~~ (4) has completed at the time of application a minimum of 2 years of supervised experience in the  
19 practice of psychology. One year of this experience must be postdoctoral but may not include more than 6  
20 months of supervised research, teaching, or a combination of both."

21

22 **Section 58.** Section 37-18-202, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"37-18-202. ~~Powers of board and department~~ Rulemaking.** ~~(1) The board may~~  
24 ~~adopt rules and orders necessary for the performance of its duties, including but not limited to:~~

25 ~~———(a) prescribing of forms for application for examination and license;~~

26 ~~———(b) preparation of examinations; and~~

27 ~~———(c) clarifying the use of support personnel and the provision of emergency services.~~

28 ~~———(2) The department shall, subject to 37-1-101, supervise the examination of applicants for license to~~  
29 ~~practice veterinary medicine, obtain the services of professional examination agencies instead of its own~~  
30 ~~preparation of examinations, and grant and revoke licenses to carry out the purposes of this chapter.~~"

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 2 ~~Section 58.~~ Section 37-18-303, MCA, is amended to read:  
 3 ~~"37-18-303. Examination.~~ (1) Subject to 37-1-101, the board shall, by means of examination as  
 4 prescribed by the board, ascertain the professional qualifications for license of applicants under this part. The  
 5 department shall issue a license to applicants who are found to be, in the judgment of the board, competent to  
 6 practice. A license may not be issued to a person who is not found by the examination or investigation to be  
 7 competent and qualified.  
 8 ~~(2) Examinations must be held as determined necessary by the board, but not less frequently than once~~  
 9 ~~each year at a time and place specified by the board. The board may employ, cooperate with, or contract with~~  
 10 ~~any organization or consultant in the preparation, administration, and grading of an examination, but the board~~  
 11 ~~shall retain sole discretion and responsibility for determining which applicants have successfully passed an~~  
 12 ~~examination.~~  
 13 ~~(3) The department shall consecutively number applications received, note on each the disposition~~  
 14 ~~made of it, and preserve the applications for reference. The board shall also number consecutively licenses~~  
 15 ~~issued.~~  
 16 ~~(4) An applicant is required to achieve a passing grade, as determined by the board by rule, in order~~  
 17 ~~to obtain a license. An applicant who has failed an examination may apply to be reexamined at a subsequent~~  
 18 ~~examination and shall pay another application fee commensurate with the costs of the examinations as set by~~  
 19 ~~the board and shall take another complete examination in all subjects."~~

20  
 21 **Section 59.** Section 37-19-401, MCA, is amended to read:  
 22 **"37-19-401. License required -- display of license -- renewal -- penalty for late renewal.** (1) An  
 23 operating mortuary must be licensed by the board. The license must be displayed in a conspicuous place.  
 24 (2) ~~A mortuary license expires on the date set by department rule and may be renewed upon payment~~  
 25 ~~of a fee set by the board.~~  
 26 ~~(3) The board may set a penalty for late renewal of a mortuary license."~~

27  
 28 **Section 60.** Section 37-19-702, MCA, is amended to read:  
 29 **"37-19-702. Licenses required -- display of licenses -- renewal -- penalty for late renewal.** (1) A  
 30 person doing business in this state or a cemetery, mortuary, corporation, partnership, joint venture, voluntary

1 organization, or other entity that erects, maintains, or provides the necessary appliances and facilities for the  
 2 cremation of human remains and that conducts cremations must be licensed by the board, ~~beginning July 1,~~  
 3 ~~1993~~. The license must be displayed in a conspicuous place in the crematory facility.

4 (2) A crematory license expires on the date set by department rule and may be renewed upon payment  
 5 of a fee set by the board, ~~which includes~~. The fee must include the cost of annual inspection. If a crematory  
 6 facility is attached to a licensed mortuary, only one inspection fee may be charged for inspection of both a  
 7 mortuary facility under 37-19-403 and a crematory facility.

8 ~~(3) The board may set a penalty fee for late renewal of a license.~~

9 ~~——(4)(3)~~ A person in charge of a licensed crematory facility must be licensed as a crematory operator by  
 10 the board. A person employed by a licensed crematory facility must be licensed as a crematory technician by  
 11 the board. The license must be displayed in a conspicuous place in the crematory facility.

12 ~~(5)(4)~~ Crematory operator and crematory technician licenses expire on the date set by department rule  
 13 and may be renewed upon payment of a fee set by the board. On-the-job training must be provided to a  
 14 crematory technician at the time of employment."

15

16 **Section 61.** Section 37-19-807, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"37-19-807. Powers and duties of board.** The board is charged with administering this part. The board  
 18 may:

19 (1) conduct reasonable periodic, special, or other examinations of a cemetery or cemetery company,  
 20 including but not limited to an examination of the physical condition or appearance of the cemetery, an audit of  
 21 the financial condition of the cemetery company and any trust funds maintained by the cemetery company, and  
 22 any other examinations the board considers necessary or appropriate in the public interest. The board may also  
 23 order examinations in response to public complaints. The examinations must be made by members or  
 24 representatives of the board that may include a certified or registered public accountant or any other person  
 25 designated by the board.

26 (2) issue or amend permits to operate a cemetery in accordance with the provisions of this part;

27 (3) adopt rules ~~and forms~~ to enforce the provisions of this part;

28 (4) require a cemetery company to observe minimum accounting principles and practices and to keep  
 29 books and records in accordance with the principles and practices for ~~the a period of time that~~  
 30 by rule prescribe; and

1 (5) require a cemetery company to provide additional contributions to the perpetual care and  
2 maintenance fund of the cemetery as provided for in this part, including but not limited to contributions not to  
3 exceed \$1,000 whenever a cemetery company fails to properly care for, maintain, or preserve a cemetery."  
4

5 **Section 62.** Section 37-20-301, MCA, is amended to read:

6 **"37-20-301. Utilization plan required -- contents -- approval.** (1) A physician, office, firm, state  
7 institution, or professional service corporation may not employ or make use of the services of a physician  
8 assistant-certified in the practice of medicine, as defined in 37-3-102, and a physician assistant-certified may  
9 not be employed or practice as a physician assistant-certified unless the physician assistant-certified:

10 (a) is supervised by a licensed physician;

11 (b) is licensed by the Montana state board of medical examiners; and

12 (c) has received board approval of a physician assistant-certified utilization plan.

13 (2) A physician assistant-certified utilization plan must set forth in detail the following information:

14 (a) the name and qualifications of the supervising physician, as provided in 37-20-101, and the name  
15 and license number of the physician assistant-certified;

16 (b) the nature and location of the physician's medical practice;

17 (c) the scope of practice of the physician assistant-certified and the locations where the physician  
18 assistant-certified will practice;

19 (d) the name and qualifications of a second physician meeting the requirements of 37-20-101 to act as  
20 an alternate supervising physician in the absence of the primary supervising physician;

21 (e) necessary guidelines describing the intended availability of the supervising or alternate physician  
22 for consultation by the physician assistant-certified; and

23 (f) other information the board may consider necessary.

24 (3) The board shall approve the utilization plan if ~~it~~ the board finds that the practice of the physician  
25 assistant-certified is:

26 (a) assigned by the supervising physician;

27 (b) within the scope of the training, knowledge, experience, and practice of the supervisory physician;  
28 and

29 (c) within the scope of the training, knowledge, education, and experience of the physician  
30 assistant-certified.

1 (4) A supervising physician and a physician assistant-certified may submit a new or additional utilization  
 2 plan to the board for approval without reestablishing the criteria set out in 37-20-402, so long as the information  
 3 requirements of subsection (2) have been met and the appropriate fee provided for in 37-20-302(4) has been  
 4 paid.

5 (5) A utilization plan may provide that a physician assistant-certified be allowed to furnish services on  
 6 a locum tenens basis at a location other than the physician assistant-certified's primary place of practice. A  
 7 locum tenens utilization plan may be approved by a single board member."

8

9 **Section 63.** Section 37-20-302, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"37-20-302. Utilization plan approval and fee---renewal of license---renewal fee.** (4) A utilization  
 11 plan must be submitted for approval, and a fee must be paid in an amount set by the board. Payment must be  
 12 made when the utilization plan is submitted to the board and is not refundable.

13 ~~(2) A locum tenens utilization plan approval fee must be paid in an amount set by the board.~~

14 ~~————(3) A license issued under this part must be renewed for a period and on a date set by the department  
 15 of labor and industry.~~

16 ~~————(4) A license renewal fee set by the board must be paid at the time the license is renewed.~~

17 ~~————(5) The department of labor and industry shall mail a renewal notice prior to the renewal date.~~

18 ~~————(6) Except as provided in 37-1-138, if the license renewal fee is not paid on or before the renewal date,  
 19 the board may consider the license lapsed.~~

20 ~~————(7) Fees received by the department of labor and industry must be deposited in the state special  
 21 revenue fund for use by the board in the administration of this chapter, subject to 37-1-101(6)."~~

22

23 **Section 64.** Section 37-22-201, MCA, is amended to read:

24 **"37-22-201. Duties of board.** The board shall:

25 ~~(1) subject to 37-1-101, examine qualified applicants, issue licenses to qualified applicants that meet  
 26 the requirements of this chapter, and renew licenses under the provisions of this chapter;~~

27 ~~————(2)(1) shall recommend prosecutions for violations of 37-22-411 and 37-23-311 to the attorney general  
 28 or the appropriate county attorney, or both;~~

29 ~~————(3) annually publish a list of the names and addresses of all persons who are licensed social workers;~~

30 ~~————(4) establish requirements for continuing education that are a condition of license renewal;~~

1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(5)(2) shall meet at least once every 3 months to perform the duties described in Title 37, chapters 1,  
 2 22, and 23 ~~this section~~. The board may, once a year by a consensus of its board members, determine that there  
 3 is no necessity for a board meeting.

4 ~~(6) distribute a copy of the ethical standards to the certified masters of social work; and~~  
 5 ~~(7)(3) shall~~ adopt rules that set professional, practice, and ethical standards for ~~licensed masters of~~  
 6 ~~social work workers and professional counselors~~ and ~~such~~ other rules as may be reasonably necessary for the  
 7 administration of chapter 23 and this chapter; and

8 (4) may adopt rules governing the issuance of licenses of special competence in particular areas of  
 9 practice as a licensed professional counselor. The board shall establish criteria for each particular area for which  
 10 a license is issued."

11  
 12 **Section 65.** Section 37-22-301, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-22-301. License requirements -- exemptions.** (1) A license applicant shall satisfactorily complete  
 14 an examination ~~prepared and administered~~ prescribed by the board.

15 (2) Before an applicant may take the examination, the applicant shall present three letters of reference  
 16 from licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatrists, or psychologists who have  
 17 knowledge of the applicant's professional performance and shall demonstrate to the board that the applicant:

18 (a) has a doctorate or master's degree in social work from a program accredited by the council on social  
 19 work education or approved by the board;

20 (b) has completed at least 24 months of supervised post master's degree work experience in  
 21 psychotherapy, which included 3,000 hours of social work experience, of which at least 1,500 hours were in  
 22 direct client contact, within the past 5 years; and

23 (c) abides by the social work ethical standards adopted under 37-22-201.

24 ~~(3) An applicant who submits an application for licensure before October 1, 1994, may acquire the~~  
 25 ~~supervised experience required by subsection (2)(b) in less than 24 months.~~

26 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(4)(3) An applicant who ~~has failed~~ fails the examination may reapply to take the examination.

27 ~~(5)(4)~~ An applicant is exempt from the examination requirement if the applicant satisfies the board that  
 28 the applicant is licensed, certified, or registered under the laws of a state or territory of the United States that  
 29 imposes substantially the same requirements as this chapter and that the applicant has passed an examination  
 30 similar to that required by the board."

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2           **Section 66.** Section 37-22-302, MCA, is amended to read:

3           "**37-22-302. Fees.** (1) Each applicant for a license shall, upon submitting his an application to the board,  
4 pay an application fee set by the board, ~~equal to the cost of processing the application.~~

5 ~~———— (2) Each applicant for a license required to take an examination shall, prior to commencement of the  
6 examination, pay an examination fee set by the board equal to the cost of administering the examination.~~

7 ~~———— (3) Each applicant shall, prior to receipt of a license or license renewal, pay a fee set by the board equal  
8 to the cost of issuing a license.~~

9 ~~———— (4) Subject to 37-1-101(6), money paid for application, examination, license, and license renewal fees  
10 must be deposited in the state special revenue fund for the use of the board."~~

11

12           **Section 67.** Section 37-23-101, MCA, is amended to read:

13           "**37-23-101. Purpose.** The legislature finds and declares that because the profession of professional  
14 counseling profoundly affects the lives of people of this state, it is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the  
15 common good by ensuring ethical, qualified, and professional practice of professional counseling. This chapter  
16 and the rules promulgated by the board under ~~37-23-103~~ 37-22-201 set standards of qualification, education,  
17 training, and experience and establish professional ethics for those who seek to engage in the practice of  
18 professional counseling as licensed professional counselors."

19

20           **Section 68.** Section 37-23-202, MCA, is amended to read:

21           "**37-23-202. Licensure requirements.** (1) An applicant for licensure must have satisfactorily completed:

22           (a) completed a planned graduate program of 60 semester hours, primarily counseling in nature, 6  
23 semester hours of which were earned in an advanced counseling practicum, ~~which that~~ resulted in a graduate  
24 degree from an institution accredited to offer a graduate program in counseling;

25           (b) completed 3,000 hours of counseling practice supervised by a licensed professional counselor or  
26 licensed member of an allied mental health profession, at least half of which was postdegree. The applicant must  
27 have each supervisor endorse the application for licensure, attesting to the number of hours supervised.

28           (c) ~~and~~ passed an examination prepared and administered by:

29           (i) ~~the board, based on a national examination approved by the board;~~

30 ~~———— (ii)(i)~~ (i) the national board of certified counselors; or

1           ~~(iii)~~(ii) the national academy of certified clinical mental health counselors; and

2           (d) completed an application form and process prescribed by the board.

3           (2) The board shall provide by rule for licensure of a person who possesses a graduate degree that  
4 consists of a minimum of 45 semester hour graduate degree that is hours primarily related to counseling and  
5 that is from an institution accredited to offer a graduate program in counseling, by specifying the additional  
6 graduate credit hours necessary to fulfill the requirements of subsection (1)(a) in counseling courses in an  
7 approved program within a period of 5 years."

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9           **Section 69.** Section 37-23-203, MCA, is amended to read:

10           "**37-23-203. Issuance, effective date, and display** **Display of license.** ~~(1) If an applicant meets the~~  
11 ~~requirements contained in 37-23-202 and has paid the appropriate fees, the board shall issue a license to the~~  
12 ~~applicant attesting to the date and fact of licensure. The license is effective on the date of issuance and must~~  
13 ~~be renewed as provided in 37-23-205.~~

14           ~~————(2) The license~~ received pursuant to 37-23-202 must be displayed in the registrant's place of business  
15 or employment."

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17           **Section 70.** Section 37-23-206, MCA, is amended to read:

18           "**37-23-206. Fees.** ~~(4) Each applicant for a license shall, upon submitting his~~ an application to the board,  
19 pay an application fee set by the board, commensurate with costs.

20           ~~————(2) Each applicant for a license required to take an examination shall, before commencement of the~~  
21 ~~examination, pay an examination fee set by the board commensurate with costs.~~

22           ~~————(3) Each applicant shall, before receipt of a license or license renewal, pay a fee set by the board~~  
23 ~~commensurate with costs.~~

24           ~~————(4) Subject to 37-1-101(6), money paid for application, examination, license, and license renewal fees~~  
25 ~~must be deposited in the state special revenue fund for the use of the board."~~

26

27           **Section 71.** Section 37-24-202, MCA, is amended to read:

28           "**37-24-202. Powers and duties of board.** (1) The board shall:

29           (a) administer, coordinate, and enforce the provisions of this chapter;

30           ~~(b) evaluate the qualifications of applicants for licensure under this chapter and approve and supervise~~

1 ~~the examination of applicants;~~

2 ~~——(e)(b) adopt rules relating to professional licensure and the establishment of ethical standards of~~  
3 ~~practice under this chapter; and~~

4 ~~(d) conduct hearings and keep records and minutes as the board considers necessary to carry out its~~  
5 ~~functions; and~~

6 ~~——(e)(c) adopt a seal by which the board shall authenticate its board proceedings.~~

7 (2) A copy of the proceedings, records, or acts of the board, signed by the presiding officer or secretary  
8 of the board and stamped with the seal, is prima facie evidence of the validity of the document.

9 ~~(3) The department may employ persons it considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this~~  
10 ~~chapter."~~

11

12 **Section 72.** Section 37-24-303, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-24-303. Requirements for licensure.** (1) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an  
14 occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant, the applicant shall:

15 (a) present evidence of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational  
16 program recognized by the board for the license sought;

17 (b) submit evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience  
18 arranged by the recognized educational institution where the person completed the academic requirements or  
19 by a nationally recognized professional association;

20 (c) submit evidence of having been certified by the national board for certification in occupational  
21 therapy, inc. (NBCOT); and

22 (d) pass an examination ~~as provided for in 37-24-304~~ prescribed by the board.

23 (2) The supervised fieldwork experience requirement for an occupational therapist is a minimum of 6  
24 months. The supervised fieldwork experience requirement for an occupational therapy assistant is a minimum  
25 of 2 months."

26

27 **Section 73.** Section 37-24-310, MCA, is amended to read:

28 **"37-24-310. Fees.** ~~(1)~~ The board may adopt fees in accordance with 37-1-134 for:

29 ~~(a)(1)~~ applications for licensure;

30 ~~(b)~~ examination;

1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(e)(2) initial license issuance; and

2 ~~(d) license renewal;~~

3 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(e) late license renewal; and

4 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(f)(3) limited permit issuance.

5 ~~(2) All fees collected by the board under this section must be deposited in the state special revenue fund~~  
6 ~~for the use of the board in administering this act, subject to 37-1-101(6)."~~

7

8 **Section 74.** Section 37-25-201, MCA, is amended to read:

9 **"37-25-201. Powers and duties of the board.** In addition to all other powers and duties conferred and  
10 imposed on the board by Title 37, chapter 1, and this chapter, the board shall:

11 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(1) ~~examine qualified applicants for a license to practice dietetics-nutrition, issue licenses to applicants~~  
12 ~~who meet the requirements established by this chapter, and renew licenses as provided in 37-25-307; and~~

13 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(2) adopt rules that set professional, practice, and ethical standards for licensed nutritionists and ~~such~~  
14 other rules as may be necessary for the administration of this chapter."

15

16 **Section 75.** Section 37-26-201, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"37-26-201. Powers and duties of board.** The board shall:

18 (1) adopt rules necessary or proper to administer and enforce this chapter;

19 (2) adopt rules that specify the scope of practice of naturopathic medicine stated in 37-26-301, that are  
20 consistent with the definition of naturopathic medicine provided in 37-26-103, and that are consistent with the  
21 education provided by approved naturopathic medical colleges;

22 ~~(3) adopt rules prescribing the time, place, content, and passing requirements of the licensure~~  
23 ~~examination, which may be composed of part or all of the national naturopathic physicians licensing~~  
24 ~~examination;~~

25 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(4)(3) adopt rules that endorse equivalent licensure examinations of another state or territory of the  
26 United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country and that may include licensure by reciprocity;

27 ~~(5)(4) adopt rules that set nonrefundable fees, commensurate with costs, for application, examination,~~  
28 ~~and licensure, and other administrative services;~~

29 ~~(6)(5) approve naturopathic medical colleges as defined in 37-26-103;~~

30 ~~(7)(6) issue certificates of specialty practice;~~

1           ~~(8)~~(7) adopt rules that, in the discretion of the board, appropriately restrict licenses to a limited scope  
 2 of practice of naturopathic medicine, which may exclude the use of minor surgery allowed under 37-26-301;  
 3           ~~(9)~~(8) adopt rules that contain the natural substance formulary list created by the alternative health care  
 4 formulary committee provided for in 37-26-301; and  
 5           ~~(10)~~(9) adopt rules to implement the provisions in 37-1-138."  
 6

7           **Section 76.** Section 37-26-403, MCA, is amended to read:

8           **"37-26-403. Application for licensure -- examination -- temporary license.** (1) A person who desires  
 9 a license to practice naturopathic medicine in Montana shall apply to the department ~~in the manner and form~~  
 10 ~~prescribed by the board.~~ The application must be accompanied by the license fees, the application fees, and  
 11 the documents, affidavits, and certificates necessary to establish that the applicant possesses the qualifications  
 12 prescribed by 37-26-402. The burden of proof is on the applicant, but the department may make an independent  
 13 investigation to determine whether the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications and whether the  
 14 applicant has committed unprofessional conduct that would be a basis for licensure denial. At the board's  
 15 request, the applicant shall provide necessary authorizations for the release of records and information pertinent  
 16 to the department's investigation.

17           (2) A person who applies for licensure but who has not passed a licensure examination prescribed or  
 18 endorsed by the board shall apply to the board for authorization to take the prescribed licensure examination.  
 19 ~~The application for examination must be accompanied by the examination fee.~~ If the board finds that all other  
 20 qualifications for licensure except that of examination have been met, the board shall authorize the applicant  
 21 to take the licensure examination."  
 22

23           **Section 77.** Section 37-27-105, MCA, is amended to read:

24           **"37-27-105. General powers and duties of board -- rulemaking authority.** (1) The board shall:

25           (a) meet at least once annually, and at other times as agreed upon, to elect officers and to perform the  
 26 duties described in Title 37, chapter 1, and this section; and

27           (b) administer oaths, take affidavits, summon witnesses, and take testimony as to matters within the  
 28 scope of the board's duties.

29           (2) The board has the authority to administer and enforce all the powers and duties granted statutorily  
 30 or adopted administratively.

1 (3) The board shall adopt rules to administer this chapter. The rules may include but are not limited to:  
 2 (a) ~~the development of a license application and examination, criteria for and grading of examinations,~~  
 3 ~~and establishment of examination and license fees commensurate with actual costs;~~  
 4 ~~—— (b) the issuance of a provisional license to midwives who filed the affidavit required by section 2,~~  
 5 ~~Chapter 493, Laws of 1989;~~  
 6 ~~(c)(a)~~ the establishment of criteria for minimum educational, apprenticeship, and clinical requirements  
 7 that, at a minimum, meet the standards established in 37-27-201;  
 8 ~~(d)(b)~~ the development of eligibility criteria for client screening by direct-entry midwives in order to  
 9 achieve the goal of providing midwifery services to women during low-risk pregnancies;  
 10 ~~(e) the development of procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of licenses~~  
 11 ~~consistent with the provisions in 37-1-138;~~  
 12 ~~—— (f) the adoption of disciplinary standards for licensees;~~  
 13 ~~—— (g)(c) the development of standardized informed consent and reporting forms;~~  
 14 ~~(h)(d)~~ the adoption of ethical standards for licensed direct-entry midwives;  
 15 ~~(i)(e)~~ the adoption of supporting documentation requirements for primary birth attendants; and  
 16 ~~(j)(f)~~ the establishment of criteria limiting an apprenticeship that, at a minimum, meets the standards  
 17 established in 37-27-201."  
 18

19 **Section 78.** Section 37-27-210, MCA, is amended to read:  
 20 "**37-27-210. Fees.** (1) An applicant for a direct-entry midwife license shall, upon submitting an  
 21 application to the board, pay an application fee set by the board, ~~commensurate with costs.~~  
 22 ~~—— (2) An applicant required to take an examination shall, before commencement of the examination, pay~~  
 23 ~~an examination fee set by the board, commensurate with costs.~~  
 24 ~~(3)(2)~~ Before a license may be issued or renewed, an applicant shall pay a fee set by the board;  
 25 ~~commensurate with costs.~~  
 26 ~~(4) Subject to 37-1-101(6), money paid for application, examination, license, and license renewal fees~~  
 27 ~~must be deposited in the state special revenue fund for use by the board.~~  
 28 ~~—— (5)(3) Fees are nonrefundable."~~  
 29

30 **Section 79.** Section 37-28-104, MCA, is amended to read:

- 1           **"37-28-104. Board powers and duties.** (1) The board shall:
- 2           ~~— (a) examine, license, grant temporary permits, and renew the licenses or permits of duly qualified~~
- 3           ~~applicants;~~
- 4           ~~— (b) establish examinations and passing scores for licensure under 37-28-202;~~
- 5           ~~— (c) adopt and implement rules for continuing education requirements to ensure the quality of respiratory~~
- 6           ~~care.~~
- 7           (2) The board may:
- 8           ~~— (a) adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter; and~~
- 9           ~~— (b) establish relicensing requirements and procedures that the board considers appropriate."~~

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11           **Section 80.** Section 37-28-202, MCA, is amended to read:

12           **"37-28-202. Licensing requirements -- examination -- fees.** (1) To be eligible for licensure by the

13           board as a respiratory care practitioner, the applicant shall:

14           (a) submit to the board an application fee in an amount established by the board and ~~a written~~ an

15           application ~~on a form provided by the board~~ demonstrating that the applicant has completed:

- 16           (i) high school or the equivalent; and
- 17           (ii) a respiratory care educational program accredited or provisionally accredited by the American
- 18           medical association's committee on allied health education and accreditation in collaboration with the joint review
- 19           committee for respiratory therapy education or their successor organizations; and

20           (b) pass an examination prescribed by the board. The board may use the entry-level examination written

21           by the national board for respiratory care or another examination that satisfies the standards of the national

22           commission for health certifying agencies or the commission's equivalent.

23           (2) A person holding a license to practice respiratory care in this state may use the title "respiratory care

24           practitioner" and the abbreviation "RCP".

25

26           **Section 81.** Section 37-29-306, MCA, is amended to read:

27           **"37-29-306. Licensing.** (1) A denturist license is valid for a period established by department rule ~~and~~

28           ~~expires on the date set by department rule. A renewal license must be issued upon timely payment of the~~

29           ~~renewal fee and the submission of proof of continued qualification for licensure. In addition, the~~ A denturist shall

30           submit proof that the denturist holds a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation card. ~~The license must bear on its~~

1 ~~face the address where the licensee's denturist services will be performed.~~

2 (2) ~~Applications~~ An application must be submitted on forms approved by the board and a form furnished  
3 by the department. Each application must include all other documentation necessary to establish that the  
4 applicant meets the requirements for licensure and is eligible to take the licensure examination. ~~Applications~~ An  
5 application must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.

6 ~~(3) This section may not be interpreted to conflict with 37-1-138."~~

7

8 **Section 82.** Section 37-31-203, MCA, is amended to read:

9 **"37-31-203. Rulemaking powers.** The board shall prescribe rules for:

10 (1) the conduct of its board business;

11 (2) the qualification, ~~examination,~~ and ~~registration~~ licensure of applicants to practice barbering,  
12 cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring or to teach barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics,  
13 or manicuring;

14 (3) the regulation and instruction of apprentices and students;

15 (4) the conduct of schools of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, and manicuring for  
16 apprentices and students;

17 (5) the qualification and ~~registration~~ licensure of applicants for booth rental licenses; and

18 (6) generally the conduct of the persons, firms, or corporations affected by this chapter."

19

20 **Section 83.** Section 37-31-302, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"37-31-302. License required to practice, teach, or operate salon or shop, booth, or school.** (1)

22 A person may not practice or teach barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring without a  
23 license.

24 (2) A place may not be used or maintained for the teaching of barbering, cosmetology, electrology,  
25 esthetics, or manicuring for compensation ~~except under a certificate of registration~~ unless licensed as a school.

26 (3) A person may not operate or manage a salon or shop without a license.

27 (4) A person may not operate or conduct a school of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or  
28 manicuring or teach barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring without a license to teach  
29 barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring.

30 (5) A person may not manage or operate a booth without a booth rental license.

1 (6) A person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity desiring to operate a salon or shop shall  
 2 apply to the department for a ~~certificate of registration and license~~. The application must be accompanied by the  
 3 ~~registration~~ license fee.

4 (7) A license may not be issued until the inspection fees required in 37-31-312 have been paid."  
 5

6 **Section 84.** Section 37-31-303, MCA, is amended to read:

7 **"37-31-303. Application for license to practice or teach.** An applicant for a license to practice or  
 8 teach barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring shall file an application ~~prescribed by the~~  
 9 ~~board~~ provided by the department and pass the examination prescribed by the board ~~in order~~ to qualify for  
 10 licensure. ~~The license must be renewed in accordance with the provisions of 37-31-322."~~

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12 **Section 85.** Section 37-31-304, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-31-304. Qualifications of applicants for license to practice.** (1) Before a person may practice;

14 (a) barbering, the person shall obtain a license to practice barbering from the department. ~~Before a~~  
 15 ~~person may practice;~~

16 (b) cosmetology, the person shall obtain a license to practice cosmetology from the department. ~~Before~~  
 17 ~~a person may practice;~~

18 (c) electrology, the person shall obtain a license to practice electrology from the department. ~~Before a~~  
 19 ~~person may practice;~~

20 (d) manicuring, the person shall obtain a license to practice manicuring from the department unless the  
 21 person is licensed to practice cosmetology. ~~Before a person may practice; or~~

22 (e) esthetics, the person shall obtain a license to practice esthetics from the department unless the  
 23 person is already licensed to practice cosmetology.

24 (2) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to practice barbering, the applicant must be at least 18  
 25 years of age, must be of good moral character, and must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent that  
 26 is recognized by the superintendent of public instruction. An applicant may apply to the board for an exception  
 27 to the requirement of a high school diploma or its equivalent. The board shall adopt by rule procedures for  
 28 granting an exception. The applicant must have completed a course of study of at least 1,500 hours in a  
 29 ~~registered~~ licensed barbering school and must have received a diploma from the barbering school or must have  
 30 completed the course of study in barbering at a school of cosmetology authorized to offer a course of study in

1   barbering prescribed by the board.

2           (b) A person qualified under subsection (2)(a) shall file ~~a written~~ an application and deposit the  
3 application fee with the department and pass an examination as to fitness to practice barbering.

4           (c) The board shall issue a license to practice barbering, without examination, to a person licensed in  
5 another state if the board determines that:

6           (i) the other state's course of study hour requirement is equal to or greater than the hour requirement  
7 in this state; and

8           (ii) the person's license from the other state is current and the person is not subject to pending or final  
9 disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment.

10          (3) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to practice cosmetology, the applicant must be at least 18  
11 years of age, must be of good moral character, and must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent that  
12 is recognized by the superintendent of public instruction. A person may apply to the board for an exception to  
13 the educational requirement of a high school diploma or its equivalent. The board shall adopt by rule procedures  
14 for granting an exception. The applicant must have completed a course of study of at least 2,000 hours in a  
15 ~~registered~~ licensed cosmetology school and must have received a diploma from the cosmetology school or must  
16 have completed the course of study in cosmetology prescribed by the board.

17          (b) A person qualified under subsection (3)(a) shall file ~~a written~~ an application and deposit the required  
18 application fee with the department and pass an examination as to fitness to practice cosmetology.

19          (4) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to practice electrology, the applicant must be at least 18  
20 years of age, must be of good moral character, and must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent that  
21 is recognized by the superintendent of public instruction. An applicant may apply to the board for an exception  
22 to the requirement of a high school diploma or its equivalent. The board shall adopt by rule procedures for  
23 granting an exception. The applicant must have completed a course of education, training, and experience in  
24 the field of electrology as prescribed by the board by rule.

25          (b) A person qualified under subsection (4)(a) shall file ~~a written~~ an application and deposit the required  
26 application fee with the department and pass an examination as to fitness to practice electrology.

27          (5) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to practice manicuring, an applicant must be at least 18  
28 years of age, must be of good moral character, and must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent that  
29 is recognized by the superintendent of public instruction. The applicant must have completed a course of study  
30 prescribed by the board in a ~~registered~~ licensed school of cosmetology or a ~~registered~~ licensed school of

1 manicuring. A person may apply to the board for an exception to the educational requirement of a high school  
 2 diploma or its equivalent or a certificate of completion from a vocational-technical program. The board shall  
 3 adopt by rule procedures for granting an exception.

4 (b) A person qualified under subsection (5)(a) shall file ~~a written~~ an application and deposit the required  
 5 application fee with the department and pass an examination as to fitness to practice manicuring.

6 (6) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to practice esthetics, an applicant must be at least 18 years  
 7 of age, must be of good moral character, and must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent that is  
 8 recognized by the superintendent of public instruction. The applicant must have completed a course of study  
 9 prescribed by the board and consisting of not less than 650 hours of training and instruction in a ~~registered~~  
 10 licensed school of cosmetology or a ~~registered~~ licensed school of esthetics. A person may apply to the board  
 11 for an exception to the educational requirement of a high school diploma or its equivalent. The board shall adopt  
 12 by rule procedures for granting an exception.

13 (b) A person qualified under subsection (6)(a) shall file ~~a written~~ an application and deposit the required  
 14 application fee with the department and pass an examination as to fitness to practice esthetics."  
 15

16 **Section 86.** Section 37-31-305, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"37-31-305. Qualifications of applicants for license to teach.** (1) Before a person may teach  
 18 manicuring or esthetics to persons seeking only to be licensed to practice manicuring or esthetics or to teach  
 19 cosmetology, the person shall obtain from the department a license to teach cosmetology.

20 (2) To be eligible to take an examination to obtain a license to teach cosmetology, a person must:

21 (a) be a graduate of high school or possess an equivalent of a high school diploma that is recognized  
 22 by the superintendent of public instruction; and

23 (b) (i) have a license to practice cosmetology issued by the department and have received a diploma  
 24 from a ~~registered~~ licensed school of cosmetology approved by the board, certifying satisfactory completion of  
 25 650 hours of student teacher training; or

26 (ii) have been actively engaged as a cosmetologist for 3 continuous years immediately before taking the  
 27 teacher's examination.

28 (3) Before a person may teach manicuring to a person seeking only to be licensed to practice  
 29 manicuring, the person shall, unless already licensed to teach cosmetology, obtain a license from the  
 30 department to teach manicuring.

- 1 (4) To be eligible to take an examination to obtain a license to teach manicuring, a person must:
- 2 (a) be a graduate of high school or possess an equivalent of a high school diploma recognized by the
- 3 superintendent of public instruction; and
- 4 (b) (i) have a license to practice manicuring or cosmetology issued by the department and have
- 5 received a diploma from a ~~registered~~ school licensed as a teacher-training unit certifying satisfactory completion
- 6 of 650 hours of student teacher training; or
- 7 (ii) have been actively engaged as a manicurist or a cosmetologist for 3 continuous years immediately
- 8 before taking the teacher's examination.
- 9 (5) Before a person may teach esthetics to a person seeking only to be licensed to practice esthetics,
- 10 the person shall, unless already licensed to teach cosmetology, obtain a license from the department to teach
- 11 esthetics.
- 12 (6) To be eligible to take an examination to obtain a license to teach esthetics, a person must:
- 13 (a) be a graduate of high school or possess an equivalent of a high school diploma recognized by the
- 14 superintendent of public instruction; and
- 15 (b) (i) have a license to practice esthetics or cosmetology issued by the department and have received
- 16 a diploma from a ~~registered~~ school licensed as a teacher-training unit certifying satisfactory completion of 650
- 17 hours of student teacher training; or
- 18 (ii) have been actively engaged as an esthetician or a cosmetologist for 3 continuous years immediately
- 19 before taking the teacher's examination.
- 20 (7) To be eligible to take an examination to obtain a license to teach barbering, a person must:
- 21 (a) be a graduate of high school or possess an equivalent of a high school diploma recognized by the
- 22 superintendent of public instruction; and
- 23 (b) (i) have a license to practice barbering issued by the department and have received a diploma from
- 24 a ~~registered~~ school licensed as a teacher-training unit certifying satisfactory completion of 500 hours of student
- 25 teacher training; or
- 26 (ii) have been actively engaged as a barber for 3 continuous years immediately before taking the
- 27 teacher's examination.
- 28 (8) To be eligible to take an examination for a license to teach electrology, a person must:
- 29 (a) be a high school graduate or possess an equivalent of a high school diploma recognized by the
- 30 superintendent of public instruction;

- 1 (b) have a 100-hour teacher certificate; and  
 2 (c) have been actively engaged as an electrologist for 3 continuous years immediately preceding taking  
 3 the teacher's examination."  
 4

5 **Section 87.** Section 37-31-308, MCA, is amended to read:

6 "**37-31-308. Examination -- reexamination -- exemption Exemption for persons with disabilities.**

7 ~~(1) Examinations for a license to practice barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring or to~~  
 8 ~~teach barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring must be held at places and times specified~~  
 9 ~~by the board. The examinations may not be confined to a specific method or system. The board may contract~~  
 10 ~~with an outside agency for examination and grading services.~~

11 ~~-----~~(2) ~~Persons~~ A person with a physical disabilities disability who is trained for barbering, cosmetology,  
 12 electrology, esthetics, or manicuring by the department of public health and human services ~~are~~ is, for a period  
 13 of 1 year immediately following ~~their~~ graduation, exempt from the examination and the fees described in  
 14 37-31-323. On certification from the department of public health and human services that a department of public  
 15 health and human services beneficiary has successfully completed the required training in a school of barbering,  
 16 cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring, the department shall issue the person the necessary  
 17 ~~certificate~~ or license to practice the profession in this state."  
 18

19 **Section 88.** Section 37-31-311, MCA, is amended to read:

20 "**37-31-311. Schools -- certificate of registration license -- requirements -- bond -- curriculum.** (1)

21 A person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity may not operate a school for the purpose of  
 22 teaching barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring for compensation unless ~~a certificate of~~  
 23 ~~registration has been first obtained from~~ licensed by the department. Application for the certificate license must  
 24 be filed with the department on ~~a~~ an approved form ~~prescribed by the board.~~

25 (2) A school for teaching barbering may not be granted a ~~certificate of registration license~~ unless it the  
 26 school complies with or is able to comply with the following requirements:

27 (a) It has in its employ either a licensed teacher who is at all times involved in the immediate supervision  
 28 of the work of the school or other teachers ~~who~~ determined by the board ~~determines~~ are to be necessary for the  
 29 proper conduct of the school. There may not be more than 25 students for each teacher.

30 (b) It possesses apparatus and equipment the board determines necessary for the teaching of all

1 subjects or practices of barbering.

2 (c) It maintains a school term of not less than 1,500 hours and ~~prescribes~~ a course of practical training  
3 and technical instruction equal to the requirements for board examinations. The school's course of training and  
4 technical instruction must be prescribed by the board.

5 (d) It keeps a daily record of the attendance of each student, establishes grades, and holds  
6 examinations before issuing diplomas.

7 (e) It does not permit a person to sleep in or use for residential purposes or for any other purpose that  
8 would make the room unsanitary a room used wholly or in part for a school of barbering.

9 (3) A school for teaching cosmetology may not be granted a ~~certificate of registration license~~ unless it  
10 the school complies with or is able to comply with the following requirements:

11 (a) It has in its employ either a licensed teacher who is at all times involved in the immediate supervision  
12 of the work of the school or other teachers ~~who determined by the board determines are to be~~ necessary for the  
13 proper conduct of the school. There may not be more than 25 students for each teacher.

14 (b) It possesses apparatus and equipment the board determines necessary for the teaching of all  
15 subjects or practices of cosmetology.

16 (c) It maintains a school term of not less than 2,000 hours and ~~prescribes~~ a course of practical training  
17 and technical instruction equal to the requirements for board examinations. The school's course of training and  
18 technical instruction must be prescribed by the board.

19 (d) It keeps a daily record of the attendance of each student, establishes grades, and holds  
20 examinations before issuing diplomas.

21 (e) It does not permit a person to sleep in or use for residential purposes or for any other purpose that  
22 would make the room unsanitary a room used wholly or in part for a school of cosmetology.

23 (4) A school for teaching electrology may not be granted a ~~certificate of registration license~~ unless it the  
24 school maintains a school term, ~~prescribes and~~ a course of practical training and technical instruction prescribed  
25 by the board, and possesses apparatus and equipment necessary for teaching electrology as prescribed by the  
26 board.

27 (5) A school for teaching manicuring may not be granted a ~~certificate of registration license~~ unless it the  
28 school complies with subsections (3)(a) and (3)(d) and the following requirements:

29 (a) It possesses apparatus and equipment the board determines necessary for the teaching of all  
30 subjects or practices of manicuring.

1 (b) It maintains a school term and ~~prescribes~~ a course of practical training and technical instruction as  
2 prescribed by the board.

3 (c) It does not permit a person to sleep in or use for residential purposes or for any other purpose that  
4 would make the room unsanitary a room used wholly or in part for a school of manicuring.

5 (6) A school for teaching esthetics may not be granted a ~~certificate of registration~~ license unless it the  
6 school complies with subsections (3)(a) and (3)(d) and the following requirements:

7 (a) It possesses apparatus and equipment the board determines necessary for the ready and full  
8 teaching of all subjects or practices of esthetics.

9 (b) It maintains a school term and a course consisting of not less than 650 hours of practical training  
10 and technical instruction as prescribed by the board.

11 (c) It does not permit a person to sleep in or use for residential purposes or for any other purpose that  
12 would make the room unsanitary a room used wholly or in part for a school of esthetics.

13 (7) Licenses or ~~certificates of registration~~ for schools of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics,  
14 or manicuring may be refused, revoked, or suspended as provided in 37-31-331.

15 (8) A teacher or student teacher may not be permitted to practice barbering, cosmetology, electrology,  
16 esthetics, or manicuring on the public in a school of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or  
17 manicuring. A school that enrolls student teachers for a course of student teacher training may not have, at any  
18 one time, more than one student teacher for each full-time licensed teacher actively engaged at the school. The  
19 student teachers may not substitute for full-time teachers.

20 (9) The board may make further rules necessary for the proper conduct of schools of barbering,  
21 cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, and manicuring.

22 (10) The board shall require the person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity operating a  
23 school of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring to furnish a bond or other security in the  
24 amount of \$5,000 and in a form and manner prescribed by the board.

25 (11) A professional salon or shop may not be operated in connection with a school of barbering,  
26 cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring.

27 (12) The board may, by rule, establish a suitable curriculum for teachers' training in ~~registered~~ licensed  
28 schools of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring."

29

30 **Section 89.** Section 37-31-312, MCA, is amended to read:

1           **"37-31-312. Inspection.** (1) The department shall appoint one or more inspectors, each of whom shall  
 2 devote time to inspecting salons or shops and performing other duties as the department, in cooperation with  
 3 the board, may direct. The inspectors may enter a salon or shop, booth, school of barbering, school of  
 4 cosmetology, school of electrology, school of esthetics, or school of manicuring during business hours for the  
 5 purpose of inspection, and the refusal of a licensee or school to permit the inspection during business hours is  
 6 cause for revocation of a licensee's or school's license ~~or a school's certificate of registration.~~

7           (2) Upon application for a license, a salon or shop shall pay an initial inspection fee prescribed by the  
 8 board.

9           (3) The board may authorize the department to grant to a salon or shop, upon payment of the initial  
 10 inspection fee, a temporary permit authorizing the salon or shop to operate for a period not to exceed 90 days  
 11 or until the inspector is able to make the inspection, whichever occurs first. A temporary permit is not renewable.

12           (4) The department shall require the inspector or inspectors, appointed as provided in subsection (1),  
 13 to conduct an annual inspection of each salon or shop in the state."  
 14

15           **Section 90.** Section 37-31-323, MCA, is amended to read:

16           **"37-31-323. Fees.** (1) Fees for licenses ~~and certificates of registration~~ must be paid to the department  
 17 in amounts prescribed by the board.

18           (2) The license ~~and registration~~ fees must be paid in advance to the department unless otherwise  
 19 provided by board rule.

20           (3) Other or additional license ~~or registration~~ fees may not be imposed by a municipal corporation or  
 21 other political subdivision of this state for the practice or teaching of barbering, cosmetology, electrology,  
 22 esthetics, or manicuring."  
 23

24           **Section 91.** Section 37-34-201, MCA, is amended to read:

25           **"37-34-201. Powers and duties of board -- rulemaking authority.** (1) The board shall:

26           (a) meet at least once annually, and at other times as agreed upon, to elect officers and to perform the  
 27 duties described in Title 37, chapter 1, and this section; and

28           (b) administer oaths, take affidavits, summon witnesses, and take testimony as to matters within the  
 29 scope of the board's duties.

30           (2) The board has the authority to administer and enforce all the powers and duties granted statutorily

1 or adopted administratively.

2 (3) The board shall adopt rules to administer this chapter. The rules must include but are not limited to:

3 (a) the development of ~~a license application procedure~~ and acceptable certifications for each category  
4 of license;

5 ~~(b) the establishment of license fees commensurate with actual costs;~~

6 ~~————(c)(b) the establishment of criteria for educational requirements that, at a minimum, meet the standards~~  
7 set forth in 37-34-303; and

8 ~~(d) the development of procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, revocation, and reciprocity~~  
9 of licenses consistent with the provisions in 37-1-138;

10 ~~————(e) the adoption of disciplinary standards for licensees;~~

11 ~~————(f) the establishment of hearing procedures; and~~

12 ~~————(g)(c) a requirement that the supervisor of a clinical laboratory technician be accessible at all times that~~  
13 testing is being performed by the technician in order to provide onsite, telephonic, or electronic consultation."  
14

15 **Section 92.** Section 37-34-305, MCA, is amended to read:

16 **"37-34-305. Licensure application procedures.** (1) An applicant shall submit an application for a  
17 license to the board ~~upon the forms prescribed and furnished by the board~~ and shall pay an application fee set  
18 by the board.

19 (2) Upon receipt of the application and fee, the ~~board~~ department shall issue a license for a clinical  
20 laboratory scientist, a clinical laboratory specialist, or a clinical laboratory technician to any person who meets  
21 the qualifications specified by the board as set forth in rules adopted by the board pursuant to 37-34-201 and  
22 37-34-303.

23 ~~(3) A license issued under this chapter must be renewed on or before the date set by department rule.~~

24 ~~————(4) Except for the assessment provided in 37-1-101(6), money paid for application, license, and license~~  
25 ~~renewal fees must be deposited in the state special revenue fund for use by the board."~~

26

27 **Section 93.** Section 37-35-103, MCA, is amended to read:

28 **"37-35-103. Department powers and duties.** (1) The department shall:

29 (a) ~~examine;~~ license; and renew the licenses of qualified applicants;

30 (b) adopt rules:

- 1 (i) for eligibility requirements and competency standards;
- 2 (ii) ~~prescribing the time, place, content, and passing requirements of the licensure and competency~~
- 3 ~~examinations and passing scores for licensure under 37-35-202;~~
- 4 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (iii) for application forms and fees for licensure and for renewal and licensure expiration dates; and~~
- 5 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (iv)(ii) defining any unprofessional conduct that is not included in 37-1-316 37-1-410; and~~
- 6 (c)(iii) ~~adopt and implement rules~~ setting criteria for training programs, internships, and continuing
- 7 education requirements to ensure the quality of addiction counseling.
- 8 (2) The department may:
- 9 (a) adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter;
- 10 (b) adopt rules specifying the scope of addiction counseling that are consistent with the education
- 11 required by 37-35-202; and
- 12 (c) establish licensure requirements and procedures that the department considers appropriate."

- 13
- 14 **Section 94.** Section 37-40-302, MCA, is amended to read:
- 15 **"37-40-302. Application -- examination -- certificate.** (1) A person wishing to practice the profession
- 16 of sanitarian may apply to the department for registration on a form ~~prescribed~~ furnished by the ~~board~~
- 17 department.
- 18 (2) An applicant must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in environmental health or its equivalent
- 19 from an accredited university or college ~~and shall pass an examination given at a time and place set by the~~
- 20 ~~board. The board shall establish procedures for examination and determination of passing scores by rule.~~
- 21 (3) If the applicant meets the board's standards and passes the examination prescribed by the board,
- 22 the department shall issue a certificate of registration.
- 23 (4) ~~Holder~~ A holder of a current certificate ~~is~~ entitled to append to their the holder's
- 24 name the initials "R.S."
- 25

- 26 **Section 95.** Section 37-42-304, MCA, is amended to read:
- 27 **"37-42-304. Application for operator's certificate -- fee.** A person desiring to engage in the operation
- 28 of a water treatment plant, water distribution system, or wastewater treatment plant shall first file an application
- 29 with the department for a proper certificate. The department shall charge a fee of the same amount as the
- 30 license cost ~~as established pursuant to 37-1-134~~, except that the department shall reduce the fee by the amount

1 that the cost of processing the application is offset by federal funds received. The department may not act on  
 2 an application until the fee has been paid."

3

4 **Section 96.** Section 37-42-308, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"37-42-308. Annual renewal -- fees -- revocation for failure to renew -- reinstatement -- notice of**

6 **suspension.** (1) Certificates issued under this chapter must be renewed annually before July 1. A certificate  
 7 issued after July 1 expires the following June 30. After the payment of the initial fee under 37-42-304, a  
 8 certificate holder shall pay before July 1 of each certificate year a renewal fee according to the schedule adopted  
 9 by the department pursuant to ~~37-1-134~~, except that the department shall reduce the fee by the amount that the  
 10 cost of administering the certificate is offset by federal funds received to fund the administration of the program.

11 (2) Subject to subsection (6), if a certificate holder does not apply for a renewal of the certificate before  
 12 July 1 and remit to the department the necessary renewal fee, the department shall suspend the certificate.  
 13 Subject to subsection (6), the department shall revoke any certificate that remains suspended for a period of  
 14 more than 30 days. However, the department, before this revocation, shall notify the certificate holder by certified  
 15 mail at the address on the issued certificate of ~~its~~ the department's intention to revoke, at least 10 days before  
 16 the time set for action to be taken by the department on the certificate.

17 (3) A certificate once revoked may not be reinstated unless it appears that an injustice has occurred  
 18 through error or omission or other fact or circumstances indicating to the department that the certificate holder  
 19 was not guilty of negligence or laches.

20 (4) Notice of suspension must be given to the certificate holder when the suspension occurs and to the  
 21 proper official or owner of the treatment works or distribution system.

22 (5) If a person whose certificate has been revoked through the person's own fault desires to continue  
 23 as a water or wastewater plant operator, the person shall ~~make application~~ apply to the department under  
 24 37-42-304. Successful completion of an examination may be required at the discretion of the department.

25 (6) This section may not be interpreted to conflict with the provisions of 37-1-138."  
 26

27 **Section 97.** Section 37-47-101, MCA, is amended to read:

28 **"37-47-101. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following  
 29 definitions apply:

30 (1) "Accompany" means to go with or be together with a participant as an escort, companion, or other

1 service provider, with an actual physical presence in the area where the activity is being conducted and within  
2 sight or sound of the participant at some time during the furnishing of service.

3 (2) "Base of operations" means the primary physical location where an outfitter receives mail and  
4 telephone calls, conducts regular daily business, and bases livestock, equipment, and staff during the hunting  
5 season.

6 (3) "Board" means the board of outfitters provided for in 2-15-1773.

7 (4) "Camp" means each individual facility or group of facilities that an outfitter uses to lodge a client for  
8 a client's trip or uses to lodge a client in the operating area designated in the outfitter's operations plan, including  
9 a motel, campground, bed and breakfast, lodge, tent camp, cabin, camper, trailer, or house.

10 (5) "Consideration" means something of value given or done in exchange for something of value given  
11 or done by another.

12 (6) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part  
13 17.

14 (7) "Guide" means a person who is employed by or who has contracted independently with a licensed  
15 outfitter and who accompanies a participant during outdoor recreational activities that are directly related to  
16 activities for which the outfitter is licensed.

17 (8) "License year" means ~~that the~~ the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the same  
18 year indicated on the face of the license for which the license is valid.

19 (9) "Net client hunter use" or "NCHU" means the most actual clients served by an outfitter in any NCHU  
20 license category in any license year, as documented by verifiable client logs or other documents maintained by  
21 the board pursuant to 37-47-201(7).

22 (10) "Nonresident" means a person other than a resident.

23 (11) "Outfitter" means any person, except a person providing services on real property that the person  
24 owns for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests, who for consideration provides any saddle or pack  
25 animal; facilities; camping equipment; vehicle, watercraft, or other conveyance; or personal service for any  
26 person to hunt, trap, capture, take, kill, or pursue any game, including fish, and who accompanies that person,  
27 either part or all of the way, on an expedition for any of these purposes or supervises a licensed guide or  
28 professional guide in accompanying that person.

29 (12) "Participant" means a person using the services offered by a licensed outfitter.

30 (13) "Professional guide" means a guide who ~~has met~~ meets experience, training, and testing

1 qualifications for designation as a professional guide, as set by board rule.

2 (14) "Resident" means a person who qualifies for a resident Montana hunting or fishing license under  
3 87-2-102."

4

5 **Section 98.** Section 37-47-201, MCA, is amended to read:

6 **"37-47-201. Powers and duties of board relating to outfitters, guides, and professional guides.**

7 The board shall:

8 ~~(1) prepare and publish an information pamphlet that contains the names and addresses of all licensed~~  
9 ~~outfitters. This pamphlet must be available for free distribution as early as possible during each calendar year~~  
10 ~~but not later than the second Friday in March. The pamphlet must contain the names and addresses of only~~  
11 ~~those outfitters who have a valid license for the current license year.~~

12 ~~——(2)(1) cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern regarding the business of~~  
13 ~~outfitting and guiding in Montana;~~

14 ~~(3)(2) enforce the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;~~

15 ~~(4)(3) establish outfitter standards, guide standards, and professional guide standards;~~

16 ~~(5)(4) adopt:~~

17 ~~(a) rules of procedure;~~

18 ~~(b)(a) rules to administer and enforce this chapter, including rules prescribing all requisite qualifications~~  
19 ~~for licensure as an outfitter, guide, or professional guide. Qualifications for outfitters must include training,~~  
20 ~~testing, experience in activities similar to the service to be provided, knowledge of rules of governmental bodies~~  
21 ~~pertaining to outfitting and condition and type of gear and equipment, and the filing of an operations plan.~~

22 ~~(e)(b) any reasonable rules, not in conflict with this chapter, necessary for safeguarding the public~~  
23 ~~health, safety, and welfare, including evidence of qualification and licensure under this chapter for any person~~  
24 ~~practicing or offering to practice as an outfitter, guide, or professional guide;~~

25 ~~(d)(c) rules specifying standards for review and approval of proposed new operations plans involving~~  
26 ~~hunting use or the proposed expansion of net client hunter use, as set forth in 37-47-316 and 37-47-317, under~~  
27 ~~an outfitter's existing operations plan. Approval is not required when part or all of an existing operations plan is~~  
28 ~~transferred from one licensed outfitter to another licensed outfitter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section must~~  
29 ~~provide for solicitation and consideration of comments from hunters and sportspersons in the area to be affected~~  
30 ~~by the proposal who do not make use of outfitter services.~~

1           ~~(e)~~(d) rules establishing outfitter reporting requirements. The reports must be filed annually and report  
 2 actual leased acreage actively used by clients during that year and actual leased acres unused by clients during  
 3 that year, plus any other information designated by the board and developed in collaboration with the department  
 4 of fish, wildlife, and parks or the review committee established in 87-1-269 that is considered necessary to  
 5 evaluate the effectiveness of the hunter management and hunting access management programs.

6           ~~(6)~~(5) hold hearings and proceedings to suspend or revoke licenses of outfitters, guides, and  
 7 professional guides for due cause;

8           ~~(7)~~(6) maintain records of actual clients served by all Montana outfitters that fulfill the requirements of  
 9 subsection ~~(5)~~~~(e)~~ (4)(d)."

10

11           **Section 99.** Section 37-47-304, MCA, is amended to read:

12           **"37-47-304. Application.** (1) Each applicant for an outfitter's, guide's, or professional guide's license  
 13 shall apply for a license on a form ~~prescribed and~~ furnished by the ~~board~~ department.

14           (2) The application for an outfitter's license forms the basis for the outfitter's operations plan and must  
 15 include:

16           (a) the applicant's full name, residence, address, conservation license number, driver's license number,  
 17 birth date, physical description, and telephone number;

18           (b) the address of the applicant's principal place of business in the state of Montana;

19           (c) the amount and kind of property and equipment owned and used in the outfitting business of the  
 20 applicant;

21           (d) the experience of the applicant, including:

22           (i) years of experience as an outfitter, guide, or professional guide;

23           (ii) the applicant's knowledge of areas in which the applicant has operated and intends to operate; and

24           (iii) the applicant's ability to cope with weather conditions and terrain;

25           (e) a signed statement of the licensed outfitter for each guide and professional guide to be employed  
 26 or retained as an independent contractor, stating that the guide or professional guide is to be employed by the  
 27 outfitter and stating that the outfitter recommends the guide or professional guide for licensure;

28           (f) an affidavit by the outfitter to the board that the equipment listed on the application is in fact owned  
 29 or leased by the applicant, is in good operating condition, and is sufficient and satisfactory for the services  
 30 advertised or contemplated to be performed by the applicant;

- 1 (g) a statement of the maximum number of participants to be accompanied at any one time;
- 2 (h) the written approval of the appropriate agency or landowner on whose lands the applicant ~~will~~
- 3 intends to provide services or establish hunting camps; and
- 4 (i) the boundaries of the proposed operation, stating when applicable:
- 5 (i) the name and portion of river;
- 6 (ii) the county of location;
- 7 (iii) the legal owner of the property;
- 8 (iv) the name of the ranch;
- 9 (v) the proposed service, including the type of game sought;
- 10 (vi) the name of the agency granting use authority; and
- 11 (vii) other means of identifying boundaries as established by board rule.

12 (3) ~~Applications~~ An application for an outfitter's license must be in the name of an individual person only.

13 ~~Applications~~ An application involving corporations, proprietorships, or partnerships must be made by one

14 individual person who qualifies under the provisions of this part. A license issued pursuant to this part must be

15 in the name of that person. Any revocation or suspension of a license is binding upon the individual person and

16 the corporation, proprietorship, or partnership for the use and benefit of which the license was originally issued.

17 (4) Application must be made to and filed with the board.

18 (5) Only one application for an outfitter's license may be made in any license year. If an application is

19 denied, subsequent applications by the same applicant for the license year involved are void, except as provided

20 in 37-47-308."

21

22 **Section 100.** Section 37-50-304, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"37-50-304. Public accountants -- licensure without examination of former military personnel --**

24 **examination otherwise required.** (1) ~~Persons~~ A person serving in the armed forces of the United States on

25 July 1, 1969, who immediately prior to entering ~~this service held themselves out the armed forces represented~~

26 to the public ~~as that the person was a public accountants accountant~~ and who ~~were~~ was engaged as ~~principals~~

27 a principal in this state in the practice of public accounting as ~~their~~ the person's principal occupation prior to

28 service in the armed forces may register with the department within 6 months after the date of ~~their~~ the person's

29 separation from active service and, on registration and payment of the license fee, be issued a license by the

30 department as a licensed public accountant. A principal is either the owner of or a partner in an existing

1 accounting practice on July 1, 1969.

2 (2) ~~In order to~~ To be issued a license as a licensed public accountant, a person who does not qualify  
3 under subsection (1) shall successfully complete those portions of the examination ~~provided for in 37-50-308~~  
4 prescribed by the board by rule. The board may require successful completion of alternate portions of the  
5 examination for applicants holding valid United States treasury cards at the time of taking the examination."  
6

7 **Section 101.** Section 37-51-204, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"37-51-204. Educational programs.** (1) The board may, subject to 37-1-101, conduct, hold, or assist  
9 in conducting or holding real estate clinics, meetings, courses, or institutes and incur necessary expenses in this  
10 connection.

11 (2) Except as provided in 37-51-302 and subsection (3) of this section, the board may not require  
12 examinations of licensees.

13 (3) The board may require specified performance levels of a licensee with respect to the subject matter  
14 of a continuing education course required ~~under 37-51-310~~ by the board when the licensee and the instructor  
15 of the course are not physically present in the same facility at the time the licensee receives the instruction."  
16

17 **Section 102.** Section 37-51-303, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"37-51-303. Broker or salesperson examination.** (1) In addition to proof of honesty, trustworthiness,  
19 and good reputation, an applicant whose application is pending shall satisfactorily pass an examination  
20 ~~prescribed by or under the supervision of the board. The examination must be given at least once each 6 months~~  
21 ~~and at places within the state that the board prescribes.~~

22 (2) (a) The examination for a salesperson's license must include subject portions that the board  
23 determines by rule to be appropriate.

24 (b) If the applicant passes one subject portion of the examination, the applicant is not required to repeat  
25 that portion of the examination if the applicant passes the remaining portion within 12 months.

26 (3) The examination for a broker's license must be of a more exacting nature and scope and more  
27 stringent than the examination for a salesperson's license."  
28

29 **Section 103.** Section 37-51-305, MCA, is amended to read:

30 **"37-51-305. License --form -- delivery -- display -- pocket card.** (1) ~~The board shall prescribe the~~

1 ~~form of license.~~ A license shall must bear the seal of the board.

2 (2) The license of a real estate salesperson shall must be delivered or mailed to the real estate broker  
3 with whom the real estate salesperson is associated and shall must be kept in the custody and control of the  
4 broker.

5 (3) A broker shall display his the broker's own license conspicuously in his the broker's place of  
6 business.

7 (4) The department shall annually prepare and deliver a pocket card certifying that the person whose  
8 name appears is a registered real estate broker or a registered real estate salesperson, stating the period for  
9 which fees have been paid and, on real estate salesperson's cards only, the name and address of the broker  
10 with whom he the real estate salesperson is associated."  
11

12 **Section 104.** Section 37-51-603, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-51-603. Qualification of property manager applicants -- examination -- form of licenses. (1)**

14 The board by rule shall require an applicant for licensure to provide information that the board believes is  
15 necessary to ensure that a person granted a property manager license is of good repute and competent to  
16 transact the business of a property manager in a manner that safeguards the welfare and safety of the public.

17 (2) (a) The board shall require an applicant for a property manager license to:

18 (i) apply for licensure to the department;

19 (ii) furnish written evidence that the applicant has completed the number of classroom hours that the  
20 board determines appropriate in a course of study approved by the board and taught by instructors approved  
21 by the board; and

22 (iii) satisfactorily complete an examination dealing with the material taught in the course of study.

23 (b) The course of study must include the subjects of real estate leasing principles, real estate leasing  
24 law, and related topics.

25 ~~(3) Examinations must be given at least once every 4 months at places within the state that the board  
26 prescribes. The board shall establish by rule the contents of and requirements to pass the examination.~~

27 ~~————(4)(3) An applicant for licensure as a property manager must be at least 18 years of age and must have  
28 graduated from an accredited high school or completed an equivalent education as determined by the board.~~

29 ~~(5)(4) The board shall prescribe the form of the license, and the license must bear the seal of the board.~~

30 A property manager shall display the license conspicuously in the property manager's place of business.

1           ~~(6)~~(5) The department shall prepare and deliver to the licensee a pocket card in a form and at times  
2 prescribed by the board."

3

4           **Section 105.** Section 37-53-104, MCA, is amended to read:

5           **"37-53-104. Rulemaking authority.** The board shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this  
6 chapter. The rules may include but are not limited to:

7           (1) ~~format of forms for applications and renewal of registration~~ qualifications for applicants and  
8 ~~prescribing~~ any additional applicant information ~~to that must~~ be supplied;

9           (2) documents acceptable in lieu of registration documents under 37-53-204;

10           (3) conditions that may be placed upon registration under 37-53-212;

11           (4) the subject matter of the examination or continuing education requirement for license as a timeshare  
12 salesperson or timeshare broker; ~~and~~

13           (5) additional information included in a disclosure document; and

14           (6) fees established pursuant to 37-1-134."

15

16           **Section 106.** Section 37-60-304, MCA, is amended to read:

17           **"37-60-304. Licenses -- application form and content.** (1) Except as provided in 37-60-303(8), an  
18 application for a license must be made on ~~a~~ an approved form ~~prescribed by the board~~ and accompanied by the  
19 application fee set by the board.

20           (2) An application must be made under oath and must include:

21           (a) the full name and address of the applicant;

22           (b) the name under which the applicant intends to do business;

23           (c) a statement as to the general nature of the business in which the applicant intends to engage;

24           (d) a statement as to whether the applicant desires to be licensed as a contract security company, a  
25 proprietary security organization, a private investigator, or a private security guard;

26           (e) one recent photograph of the applicant, of a type prescribed by the board, and two classifiable sets  
27 of the applicant's fingerprints;

28           (f) a statement of the applicant's age and experience qualifications; and

29           (g) other information, evidence, statements, or documents as may be prescribed by the rules of the  
30 board.

1 (3) The board shall verify the statements in the application and the applicant's moral character.

2 (4) The submittal of fingerprints ~~must be~~ is a prerequisite to the issuance of a license by means of  
3 fingerprint checks by the Montana department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation.

4 (5) The board shall send written notification to the chief of police, sheriff, and county attorney in whose  
5 jurisdiction the principal office of the applicant is to be located that an application has been submitted."  
6

7 **Section 107.** Section 37-66-304, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"37-66-304. (Temporary) Qualifications not required -- application for licensure.** (1) A person  
9 wishing to practice landscape architecture in this state shall apply to the department for a license and  
10 successfully pass ~~a written~~ an examination ~~established~~ prescribed by the board.

11 (2) Each applicant must be admitted to the examination without prerequisite qualifications. (Terminates  
12 September 30, 2005--sec. 78, Ch. 492, L. 2001.)

13 **37-66-304. (Effective October 1, 2005) Qualifications and application for licensure.** (1) A person  
14 wishing to practice landscape architecture in this state shall apply to the department for a license.

15 (2) Each applicant for licensure must have successfully completed the educational, practical experience,  
16 and ~~written~~ examination requirements ~~established~~ prescribed by the board."  
17

18 **Section 108.** Section 37-67-303, MCA, is amended to read:

19 **"37-67-303. Application -- contents -- examination -- fees.** (1) ~~Applications~~ An application for  
20 licensure must be on ~~forms prescribed by the board and~~ a form furnished by the department, ~~must contain~~  
21 ~~statements made under oath showing the applicant's education and~~ that provides for a detailed summary of the  
22 applicant's technical work; and that must contain the required references.

23 (2) The application fee for an engineer intern is as prescribed by the board and must accompany the  
24 application. An additional fee is not required for the issuance of a certificate.

25 (3) The application fee for licensure as a professional engineer is as prescribed by the board for those  
26 holding ~~an a board-approved~~ engineer intern certificate validated for Montana. ~~For those holding a valid engineer~~  
27 ~~intern certificate from some other state, the application fee is as prescribed by the board, which includes the cost~~  
28 ~~of verification of engineer intern certification or licensure. Upon approval of an application for licensure and~~  
29 ~~passage of the required examination as a professional engineer, the department shall issue a license as a~~  
30 ~~professional engineer.~~

1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) The department, subject to approval by the board, may, on approval of the application and payment~~  
 2 ~~of an application fee as prescribed by the board, issue a license as a professional engineer to a person who~~  
 3 ~~holds a certificate of qualification or licensure issued to the person by the committee on national engineering~~  
 4 ~~certification of the national council of examiners for engineering and surveying or by a state, territory, or~~  
 5 ~~possession of the United States or by another country if the applicant's qualifications meet the requirements of~~  
 6 ~~this chapter and the rules of the board.~~

7 (4) An applicant for a license as a professional engineer shall file an application and satisfactorily pass  
 8 an examination prescribed by the board. Upon approval of an application for licensure and passage of the  
 9 required examination as a professional engineer, the department shall issue a license as a professional  
 10 engineer.

11 (5) The application fee for a land surveyor intern is as prescribed by the board and must accompany  
 12 the application. An additional fee is not required for issuance of a certificate.

13 (6) The application fee for licensure as a professional land surveyor is as prescribed by the board for  
 14 those holding a board-approved land surveyor intern certificate ~~validated in Montana. For those holding a valid~~  
 15 ~~land surveyor intern certificate from some other state, the application fee is as prescribed by the board, which~~  
 16 ~~includes cost of verification of the certification.~~ Upon approval of an application for licensure as a professional  
 17 land surveyor and passage of the required ~~examination~~ examinations, the department shall issue a license as  
 18 a professional land surveyor.

19 (7) (a) The application fee for licensure as both a professional engineer and professional land surveyor  
 20 is as prescribed by the board for those holding board-approved engineer intern and land surveyor intern  
 21 certificates ~~validated in Montana. For those holding valid engineer intern and land surveyor intern certificates~~  
 22 ~~from another jurisdiction, the application fee is as prescribed by the board.~~

23 (b) The fee must accompany the application. Upon approval of an application for licensure as a  
 24 professional engineer and professional land surveyor and passage of the required examinations, the department  
 25 shall issue a license.

26 (8) If the board denies the issuance of a license to any applicant, the initial fee deposited must be  
 27 retained as an application fee."  
 28

29 **Section 109.** Section 37-67-321, MCA, is amended to read:

30 **"37-67-321. Emeritus status.** (1) A licensee who no longer practices engineering or land surveying

1 may apply to the ~~board~~ department for emeritus status.

2 (2) Upon receiving an application for emeritus status accompanied by the fee established by the board,  
3 the ~~board~~ department shall issue a license of emeritus status to the applicant and record the applicant's name  
4 in the roster as an emeritus licensee, along with the date on which the licensee received emeritus status.

5 (3) An emeritus licensee may retain but may not use the licensee's seal and may not practice  
6 engineering or land surveying.

7 (4) The ~~board~~ department shall reissue a license to an emeritus licensee who pays all application fees,  
8 meets all current requirements for licensure, and demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that for the 2 years  
9 preceding the application for licensure, the applicant has met ~~the requirements~~ set by the board for maintaining  
10 professional competence ~~established under 37-67-315.~~

11

12 **Section 110.** Section 37-68-201, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-68-201. Organization -- meetings -- rulemaking power -- seal.** (1) Each July, the board shall elect  
14 from its membership a president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

15 (2) The board shall meet quarterly and at other times ~~it~~ that the board considers necessary.

16 (3) The board ~~may~~ SHALL:

17 (a) adopt rules for the administration of this chapter; ~~and,~~ for the licensing of electrical contractors; ~~and~~  
18 ~~for the examination and licensing of~~ FOR THE EXAMINATION OF master and journeyman electricians;

19 (b) adopt a seal;

20 (c) cause the prosecution and enjoinder of persons violating this chapter."

21

22 **Section 111.** Section 37-68-304, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"37-68-304. Master electricians -- application -- qualifications -- ~~contents of~~ CONTENTS OF**  
24 **examination -- fees.** (1) An applicant for a master electrician's license shall furnish written evidence of being  
25 a graduate electrical engineer of an accredited college or university and of having 1 year of LEGALLY OBTAINED  
26 practical electrical experience or that the applicant is a graduate of an electrical trade school and has at least  
27 4 years of LEGALLY OBTAINED practical experience in electrical work or has had at least 5 years of LEGALLY  
28 OBTAINED practical experience in planning, laying out, or supervising the installation and repair of wiring,  
29 apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat, and power.

30 (2) ~~Applicants~~ An applicant for a license as a master electrician shall file an application on ~~forms~~

1 ~~prescribed by the board and a form furnished by the department, submit appropriate fees, and satisfactorily pass~~  
 2 ~~an examination prescribed by the board. The board shall, not less than 30 days prior to a scheduled~~  
 3 ~~examination, notify each applicant that the evidence submitted with the applicant's application is sufficient to~~  
 4 ~~qualify to take the examination or that the evidence is insufficient and is rejected. If the application is rejected,~~  
 5 ~~the board shall set forth the reasons in the notice to the applicant. The place of examinations must be designated~~  
 6 ~~by the board, and examinations must be held at least once a year and at other times as, in the opinion of the~~  
 7 ~~board, the number of applicants warrants.~~

8 ~~—— (3) The examination must consist of at least 30 questions designed to fairly test the applicant's~~  
 9 ~~knowledge and the applicant's technical application in the following subjects:~~

10 ~~—— (a) the national electric code;~~

11 ~~—— (b) cost estimating for electrical installments;~~

12 ~~—— (c) procurement and handling of materials needed for electrical installations and repair;~~

13 ~~—— (d) reading blueprints for electrical work;~~

14 ~~—— (e) drafting and layout of electrical circuits; and~~

15 ~~—— (f) knowledge of practical electrical theory.~~

16 ~~—— (4) The board shall determine by rule the fees to be charged an applicant for each examination or~~  
 17 ~~reexamination. The fees must be commensurate with costs. THE BOARD SHALL, NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO~~  
 18 ~~A SCHEDULED EXAMINATION, NOTIFY EACH APPLICANT THAT THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICANT'S~~  
 19 ~~APPLICATION IS SUFFICIENT TO QUALIFY TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION OR THAT THE EVIDENCE IS INSUFFICIENT AND IS~~  
 20 ~~REJECTED. IF THE APPLICATION IS REJECTED, THE BOARD SHALL SET FORTH THE REASONS IN THE NOTICE TO THE~~  
 21 ~~APPLICANT. THE PLACE OF EXAMINATIONS MUST BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD, AND EXAMINATIONS MUST BE HELD AT~~  
 22 ~~LEAST ONCE A YEAR AND AT OTHER TIMES AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD, THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WARRANTS.~~

23 ~~(3) THE EXAMINATION MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST 30 QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO FAIRLY TEST THE APPLICANT'S~~  
 24 ~~KNOWLEDGE AND THE APPLICANT'S TECHNICAL APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:~~

25 ~~(A) THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE;~~

26 ~~(B) COST ESTIMATING FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLMENTS;~~

27 ~~(C) PROCUREMENT AND HANDLING OF MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIR;~~

28 ~~(D) READING BLUEPRINTS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK;~~

29 ~~(E) DRAFTING AND LAYOUT OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS; AND~~

30 ~~(F) KNOWLEDGE OF PRACTICAL ELECTRICAL THEORY.~~

1           (4) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE BY RULE THE FEES TO BE CHARGED AN APPLICANT FOR EACH EXAMINATION  
 2 OR REEXAMINATION. THE FEES MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH COSTS."

3

4           **Section 112.** Section 37-68-305, MCA, is amended to read:

5           **"37-68-305. Journeyman and residential electricians -- application -- qualifications -- contents**

6 **of examination.** (1) An applicant for a journeyman electrician's license shall furnish written evidence of at least  
 7 ~~4 years'~~ years of apprenticeship in the electrical trade or ~~4 years'~~ years of LEGALLY OBTAINED practical experience  
 8 in the wiring for, installing, and repairing of electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, and power.  
 9 Applications for license and notice to the applicant must be made and given as in the case of master electricians'  
 10 licenses. ~~The examination for a journeyman's license must consist of at least 30 questions designed to fairly test~~  
 11 ~~the applicant's knowledge and the applicant's technical application in the following subjects:~~

12           ~~—— (a) the Ohm's law;~~

13           ~~—— (b) the national electric code; and~~

14           ~~—— (c) layout and practical installation of electrical circuits.~~ THE EXAMINATION FOR A JOURNEYMAN'S LICENSE

15 MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST 30 QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO FAIRLY TEST THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE AND THE

16 APPLICANT'S TECHNICAL APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

17           (A) THE OHM'S LAW;

18           (B) THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; AND

19           (C) LAYOUT AND PRACTICAL INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS.

20           (2) An applicant for a residential electrician's license shall furnish written evidence of at least ~~2 years'~~  
 21 years of apprenticeship in the electrical trade or ~~2 years'~~ years of LEGALLY OBTAINED practical experience in the  
 22 wiring for, installing, and repairing of electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, and power in residential  
 23 construction consisting of less than five living units in a single structure. Application for license and notice to the  
 24 applicant must be made and given as in the case of master electricians' licenses. ~~The examination for a~~  
 25 ~~residential electrician's license must consist of at least 30 questions designed to fairly test the applicant's~~  
 26 ~~knowledge and the applicant's technical application in the following subjects:~~

27           ~~—— (a) the Ohm's law;~~

28           ~~—— (b) the national electric code; and~~

29           ~~—— (c) layout and practical installation of electrical circuits.~~ THE EXAMINATION FOR A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICIAN'S

30 LICENSE MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST 30 QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO FAIRLY TEST THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE AND THE

1 APPLICANT'S TECHNICAL APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

2 (A) THE OHM'S LAW;

3 (B) THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; AND

4 (C) LAYOUT AND PRACTICAL INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS."

5

6 **SECTION 113. SECTION 37-68-307, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:**

7 **"37-68-307. Examination procedure -- third-party services -- issuance of master, journeyman, or**

8 **residential electrician's license -- expiration.** (4) To ensure impartiality, the examination for either the

9 residential, master's, or journeyman's license must be administered by the department. The department may

10 use a third party to provide examination and grading services. The examination passing grade is 75%.

11 ~~(2) If it is determined that the applicant has passed the examination, the department shall issue to the~~

12 ~~applicant a license that authorizes the licensee to engage in the business, trade, or calling of a residential~~

13 ~~electrician, journeyman electrician, or master electrician.~~

14 ~~----- (3) Each original license expires on the renewal date established by the department by rule if it is not~~

15 ~~more than 3 years after the date of issuance."~~

16

17 **SECTION 114. SECTION 37-68-310, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:**

18 **"37-68-310. License renewal period -- renewal Renewal of lapsed licenses.** (1) Licenses of

19 residential electricians, journeyman electricians, or master electricians, unless they have been suspended or

20 revoked by the board or unless the department changes the duration of the renewal period, must be renewed

21 for a period of 3 years by the department on application for renewal made to the department on or before the

22 renewal date set by department rule and on the payment of a renewal fee. If application for renewal is not made

23 on or before the renewal date, an additional fee prescribed by board rule must be paid. It is unlawful for a person

24 who refuses or fails to pay the renewal fee to practice electrical work in this state. A person with a lapsed license

25 may be issued a renewal license without examination if the applicant pays the original renewal fee and any

26 delinquency fee within 1 year of the license expiration date. Subject to subsection (2), a lapsed license that is

27 not renewed within 1 year following its expiration date may not be renewed unless the applicant passes the

28 examination and pays the fee required for an original license.

29 (2) This section may not be interpreted to conflict with 37-1-138."

30

1           **Section 115.** Section 37-68-312, MCA, is amended to read:

2           "~~37-68-312. Electrical contractor's license -- application -- issuance -- fees -- renewal.~~ Each  
3 electrical contractor shall, on or before the date set by department rule, file with the department an application  
4 in writing together with the appropriate fees for each firm operated by the electrical contractor in this state for  
5 ~~renewal of the license. A license may not be issued or renewed until the applicant meets the licensure~~  
6 ~~requirements and has paid to the department a license fee set by the board for each firm operated by the~~  
7 ~~electrical contractor. Licenses must bear the date of issuance or renewal. A license must be renewed for a~~  
8 ~~3-year period upon payment to the department of the license fee on or before the renewal date and upon~~  
9 ~~meeting the requirements set by board rule."~~

10

11           **Section 116.** Section 37-69-304, MCA, is amended to read:

12           "~~37-69-304. Qualifications of applicants for journeyman plumber's license -- restriction on~~  
13 ~~authority -- fees -- third-party services.~~ (1) The following requirements must be met by applicants for a  
14 journeyman plumber's license:

15           (a) a specific record of ~~5 years~~<sup>1</sup> years of LEGALLY OBTAINED experience in the field of plumbing ~~of a~~  
16 ~~character satisfactory to the board.~~ This experience requirement may be fulfilled by working 5 years in a major  
17 phase of the plumbing business, verified by time or pay records, or by completing an apprenticeship program  
18 meeting the standards set by the department ~~of labor and industry~~ or the United States department of labor,  
19 bureau of apprenticeship, or credit towards this experience requirement may be given for time spent attending  
20 an accredited trade or other school specializing in training of value in the field of plumbing and approved by the  
21 board.

22           (b) satisfactory completion of an examination ~~conducted by the department, subject to 37-1-101(4),~~  
23 ~~testing the applicant's knowledge of techniques and methods employed in the field of plumbing and establishing~~  
24 ~~by practical demonstration competence in the special skills required in the field of plumbing~~ prescribed by the  
25 board CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT TO 37-1-101(4), TESTING THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF  
26 TECHNIQUES AND METHODS EMPLOYED IN THE FIELD OF PLUMBING AND ESTABLISHING BY PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION  
27 COMPETENCE IN THE SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED IN THE FIELD OF PLUMBING.

28           (2) A licensed journeyman plumber may perform work only in the employment of a licensed master  
29 plumber unless otherwise permitted by rule of the board.

30           ~~(3) The board shall determine by rule the fees to be charged an applicant for each examination or~~

1 ~~reevaluation. The fees must be commensurate with costs.~~

2 ~~———(4) The department may use a third party to provide examination and grading services."~~

3

4 **Section 117.** Section 37-69-305, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"37-69-305. Qualifications of applicants for master plumber's license -- restriction on authority**

6 ~~-- fees -- third-party services.~~ (1) The following requirements must be met by an applicant for a master  
7 plumber's license:

8 (a) evidence of 4 years' years of experience as a licensed journeyman plumber in the field of plumbing,  
9 verified by time or pay records of actual plumbing experience;

10 (b) evidence of 3 years' years of experience working with a licensed master plumber or in a supervisory  
11 capacity in the field of plumbing, which may run concurrently with the requirement in subsection (1)(a); and

12 (c) satisfactory completion of an examination ~~for master plumbers testing the applicant's knowledge of~~  
13 ~~the field of plumbing and demonstrating skill and ability in the field of plumbing~~ prescribed by the board FOR  
14 MASTER PLUMBERS TESTING THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE FIELD OF PLUMBING AND DEMONSTRATING SKILL AND  
15 ABILITY IN THE FIELD OF PLUMBING.

16 (2) For purposes of subsection (1), ~~a year's~~ 1 year of experience is 1,500 hours or more of work in a  
17 continuous 12-month period.

18 (3) A master plumber may not allow the master plumber's license to be used by any person or firm,  
19 corporation, or business other than the master plumber's own for the purpose of obtaining permits or for doing  
20 plumbing work under the license.

21 ~~(4) The board shall determine by rule the fees to be charged an applicant for each examination and~~  
22 ~~reevaluation. The fees must be commensurate with costs.~~

23 ~~———(5) The department may use a third party to provide examination and grading services."~~

24

25 **Section 118.** Section 37-69-306, MCA, is amended to read:

26 **"37-69-306. Examination -- issuance of license.** (1) An applicant for a license to work in the field of  
27 plumbing shall be examined as to his qualifications by the department, subject to 37-1-101(4). The department  
28 shall examine each applicant for a license to determine his skill and qualifications as a master plumber or  
29 journeyman plumber.

30 ~~———(2) The applicant~~ MUST BE EXAMINED AS TO THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT

1 TO 37-1-101(4). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXAMINE EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO DETERMINE THE APPLICANT'S  
 2 SKILL AND QUALIFICATIONS AS A MASTER PLUMBER OR JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER.

3 (2) THE APPLICANT must, upon successfully passing ~~the~~ an examination prescribed by the board, ~~shall~~  
 4 be issued a license authorizing ~~him~~ the applicant to engage in the field of plumbing as a master plumber or  
 5 journeyman plumber in the state of Montana.

6 ~~(3)(2)(3)~~ In the case of a firm or corporation, the examination and issuance of a license to an individual  
 7 of the firm or to a principal of the firm or corporation satisfies the requirements of this chapter as to master  
 8 plumbers but not as to journeyman plumbers. ~~No~~ An individual, firm, or corporation may not do the work of a  
 9 master plumber unless licensed under this chapter.

10 ~~(4)(3)(4)~~ In addition to the temporary permits authorized in 37-1-305, the ~~board department~~ BOARD may,  
 11 ~~on a case-by-case basis at the board's discretion and~~ ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION in  
 12 accordance with criteria determined by ~~the board department rule~~ THE BOARD, renew a temporary practice permit  
 13 for a person who fails the first license examination for which the person is eligible ~~but who submits a temporary~~  
 14 ~~practice permit renewal application to the board stating that the person intends to retake the license examination~~  
 15 ~~on the next available date."~~

16

17 **Section 119.** Section 37-69-401, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"37-69-401. Medical gas piping installation endorsement.** (1) A medical gas piping installation  
 19 endorsement entitles the holder to install pipe used solely for transporting gases used for medical purposes.

20 (2) To be eligible for endorsement under this section, a person must meet all requirements for  
 21 endorsements established by the board by rule.

22 (3) A person with a valid medical gas piping installation endorsement from another state may install  
 23 medical gas piping in this state.

24 (4) The board shall by rule establish the requirements for obtaining a medical gas piping installation  
 25 endorsement. ~~Fees must be established by rule and must be commensurate with the costs of administering the~~  
 26 ~~medical gas piping installation endorsement program."~~

27

28 **Section 120.** Section 37-72-102, MCA, is amended to read:

29 **"37-72-102. Penalty -- injunction.** (1) A person convicted of violating any provision of this chapter or  
 30 the rules of the department is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not

1 to exceed 6 months or fined an amount not to exceed \$500, or both.

2 (2) The district court may enjoin any violation or threatened violation of the requirements of 37-72-101,  
3 37-72-201, 37-72-202, ~~or 37-72-301 through~~ 37-72-302, 37-72-304, 37-72-305, or 37-72-307 or the rules of the  
4 department as a nuisance per se; and the department, the attorney general, or any county attorney may institute  
5 proceedings for an injunction."  
6

7 **Section 121.** Section 37-72-202, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"37-72-202. General rulemaking power.** The department shall adopt rules to:

9 (1) implement the training and experience requirements of 37-72-302;

10 (2) prescribe the amount of the fees provided for in 37-72-301 ~~and 37-72-303 through 37-72-306,~~  
11 37-72-304, and 37-72-305, which must be nonrefundable, in an amount commensurate with the cost of  
12 administering this chapter, and deposited in the state special revenue fund for the use of the department;

13 (3) regulate the use of explosives and grant variances under the provisions of 37-72-201, except that,  
14 unless the department is making an investigation under 37-72-203(2), the department does not have the power  
15 under this chapter to make inspections into construction blasting and may not adopt rules providing for ~~such~~  
16 inspections related to construction blasting or for inspectors to carry out ~~such~~ inspections related to construction  
17 blasting;

18 (4) provide for the form of the license and pocket card provided for in 37-72-307; and

19 (5) provide for the conduct of the business of the department under this chapter and govern ~~its~~  
20 department proceedings under 37-72-203."  
21

22 **Section 122.** Section 37-72-305, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"37-72-305. Licensure of persons licensed by other jurisdictions.** Upon receipt of an application  
24 and application fee, the department shall issue a license to any person fulfilling the requirements of  
25 37-72-301(2)(a) through (2)(d) who holds a certificate, license, or permit, issued by another state or any agency  
26 of the United States, allowing the person to supervise or engage in the practice of construction blasting if the  
27 department finds that the certificate, license, or permit was issued upon the satisfactory completion of  
28 requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of 37-72-301 ~~through 37-72-303 and 37-72-302.~~"  
29

30 **Section 123.** Section 37-76-109, MCA, is amended to read:

1           **"37-76-109. Registration and renewal fees.** (1) An application for registration or renewal of registration  
2 must be accompanied by a fee of \$200.

3           (2) All fees and money received by the department must be deposited in ~~a~~ the state special revenue  
4 fund in an account for use by the department in performing the duties required by this chapter."  
5

6           **Section 124.** Section 50-16-201, MCA, is amended to read:

7           **"50-16-201. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

8           (1) (a) "Data" means written reports, notes, or records or oral reports or proceedings created by or at  
9 the request of a utilization review, peer review, medical ethics review, quality assurance, or quality improvement  
10 committee of a health care facility that are used exclusively in connection with quality assessment or  
11 improvement activities, including the professional training, supervision, or discipline of a medical practitioner by  
12 a health care facility.

13           (b) The term does not include:

14           (i) incident reports or occurrence reports; or

15           (ii) health care information that is used in whole or in part to make decisions about an individual who is  
16 the subject of the health care information.

17           (2) "Health care facility" has the meaning provided in 50-5-101.

18           (3) (a) "Incident reports" or "occurrence reports" means a written business record of a health care  
19 facility, created in response to an untoward event, such as a patient injury, adverse outcome, or interventional  
20 error, ~~in order to ensure~~ for the purpose of ensuring a prompt evaluation of the event.

21           (b) The terms do not include any subsequent evaluation of the event in response to an incident report  
22 or occurrence report by a utilization review, peer review, medical ethics review, quality assurance, or quality  
23 improvement committee.

24           (4) "Medical practitioner" means an individual licensed by the state of Montana to engage in the practice  
25 of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, optometry, or a nursing specialty described in 37-8-202~~(5)~~ or licensed as a  
26 physician assistant-certified pursuant to 37-20-203."  
27

28           **Section 125.** Section 50-74-312, MCA, is amended to read:

29           **"50-74-312. Review of license rejection -- waiting period.** (1) An applicant for a license under the  
30 provisions of this chapter whose application has been rejected may, within 45 days after the date of the rejection,

1 set forth in writing any arguments opposing the rejection and request a review by the department. The request  
2 must be addressed to the department and must be signed by the applicant.

3 (2) Within 2 days after receiving the request, the department shall notify the applicant in writing that on  
4 a certain day, not less than 5 days or more than 30 days after receipt of the written request, the department shall  
5 review and evaluate the application and any arguments opposing the rejection of the license application.

6 (3) The applicant may appear in person at the review. At least 2 days before the day set for the review,  
7 the applicant may designate in writing to the department of labor and industry the name of an engineer holding  
8 a valid license of equal or higher grade than the one applied for, and the engineer may testify on behalf of the  
9 applicant at the review.

10 (4) After the review, if the department of labor and industry determines that the applicant is entitled to  
11 the license, the department shall issue the license. If the department affirms the decision to not issue the license,  
12 the applicant ~~is required to~~ may reapply to take the license examination, as provided in ~~50-74-309 and~~  
13 ~~50-74-311~~, and may not take the examination within 45 days of the final decision to not issue the license."  
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15 **Section 126.** Section 80-8-207, MCA, is amended to read:

16 **"80-8-207. Dealers.** (1) ~~It is unlawful for a~~ A person to ~~may not~~ sell, offer for sale, deliver, or have  
17 delivered within the state a pesticide without first obtaining a license from the department for each calendar year  
18 or portion of a year. A separate dealer's license and fee is required for each location or outlet from which  
19 pesticides are distributed, sold, held for sale, or offered for sale. Pesticide field personnel or salespeople  
20 employed directly out of the same location or outlet and under a licensed dealer are not required to obtain a  
21 license. The dealer shall furnish the department with the names and addresses of ~~its~~ the dealer's field personnel  
22 and salespeople selling pesticides within the state.

23 (2) The application for a license must be accompanied by a fee of \$45. ~~Dealers~~ A dealer applying for  
24 renewal of a license shall ~~do so~~ apply on or before March 1 of the calendar year. A dealer applying for renewal  
25 of a license after March 1 must be assessed a \$25 late licensing fee.

26 (3) The dealer shall require the purchaser of a restricted pesticide to exhibit the purchaser's license or  
27 permit issued under authority of this chapter, or the dealer may verify, under procedures authorized by the  
28 department, the purchaser's license or permit through a department list or by electronic means before completing  
29 a sale. The department may adopt rules concerning dealer verification of licenses and permits.

30 (4) The department shall assess an additional annual license fee of \$10 on dealers to fund the waste

1 pesticide and pesticide container collection, disposal, and recycling program. The department may by rule adjust  
 2 the disposal fee to maintain adequate funding for the administration of the waste pesticide and pesticide  
 3 container collection, disposal, and recycling program. The fee may not be less than \$10 a year or more than \$15  
 4 a year. Fees collected under this subsection must be deposited in an account in the state special revenue  
 5 ~~account fund~~ pursuant to 80-8-112.

6 (5) Pharmacists licensed as provided for in 37-7-302 ~~and 37-7-303~~, veterinarians licensed as provided  
 7 for in 37-18-302 ~~and 37-18-303~~, and certified pharmacies licensed under 37-7-321 are not required to be  
 8 licensed to sell pesticides, ~~provided that~~ if the certified pharmacies and veterinarians register with the department  
 9 each year. However, the certified pharmacies and veterinarians ~~shall~~ must meet all other requirements  
 10 concerning the commercial sale of pesticides. The department shall take into account the professional licensing  
 11 requirements of pharmacists, certified pharmacies, and veterinarians when adopting rules."

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 13 NEW SECTION. Section 127. Repealer. Sections 37-3-346, 37-4-203, 37-4-303, 37-4-403, 37-6-303,  
 14 37-7-303, 37-8-431, 37-10-307, 37-11-305, 37-11-308, 37-11-309, 37-12-307, 37-13-306, 37-13-307, 37-14-303,  
 15 37-14-309, 37-14-310, 37-15-304, 37-15-306, 37-15-308, 37-15-312, 37-16-403, 37-16-404, 37-16-407,  
 16 37-17-303, 37-17-305, 37-17-306, 37-17-307, 37-17-308, 37-18-203, 37-18-303, 37-18-307, 37-19-306,  
 17 37-22-303, 37-22-304, 37-23-103, 37-23-205, 37-24-304, 37-24-308, 37-25-307, 37-28-203, 37-29-304,  
 18 37-29-305, 37-31-321, 37-31-322, 37-35-203, 37-40-304, 37-40-305, 37-47-312, 37-50-308, 37-50-317,  
 19 37-51-310, 37-53-103, 37-54-210, 37-54-211, 37-54-311, 37-60-312, 37-65-304, 37-65-306, 37-66-307,  
 20 37-67-315, 37-67-316, 37-67-318, ~~37-68-307, 37-68-310~~, 37-69-307, 37-72-303, 37-72-306, 50-39-105,  
 21 50-39-106, 50-74-309, 50-74-313, and 50-76-105, MCA, are repealed.

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 128. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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